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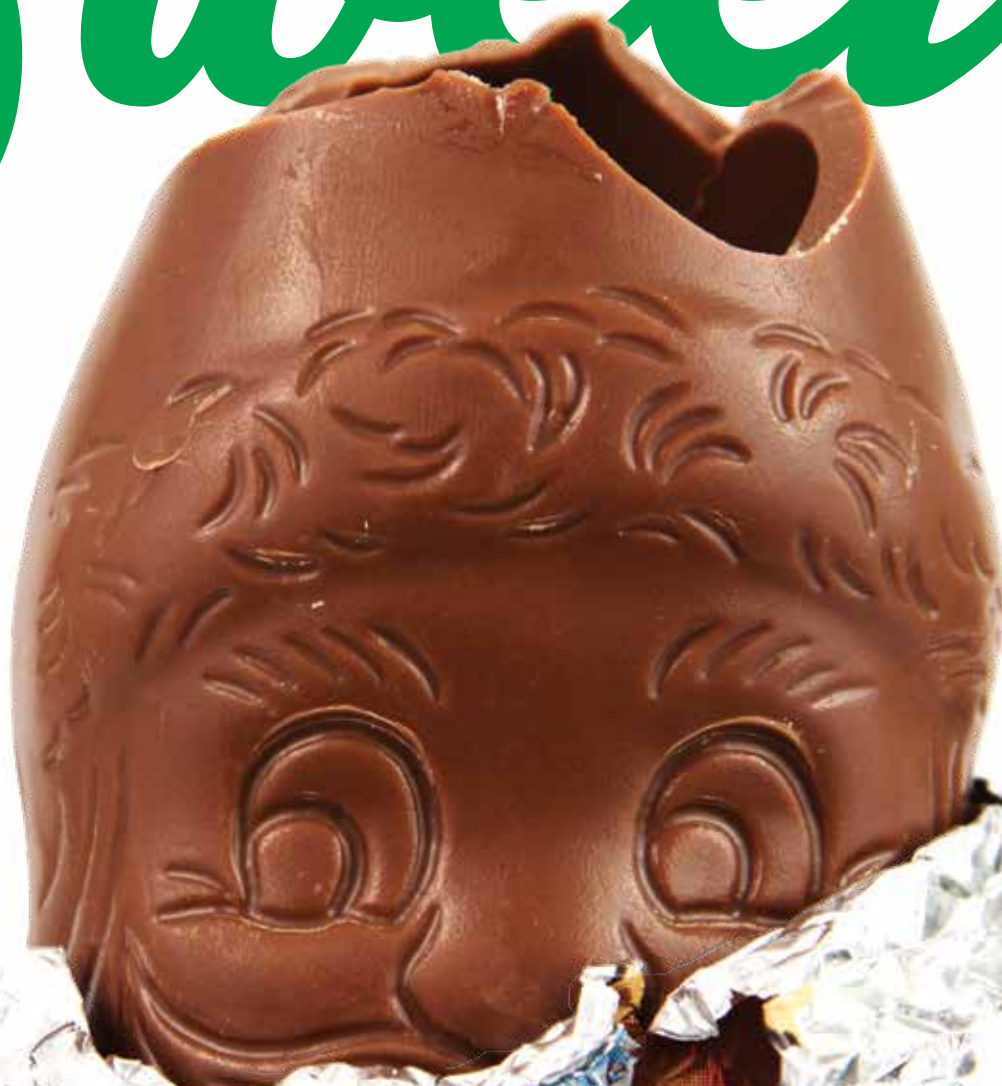
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stumbled across the line, and I know that I was not alone in this. Unfortunately, the work to heal from this grueling campaign has just begun. The day after the elections, I (begrudgingly) attended the New Hampshire Women's Foundation's annual event. My hesitation was only due to the extreme fatigue and desire to close myself off from community for a while. In the end, there was no better place to be.

The focus of the luncheon was on cultivating community through mindfulness and conscious change. As I listened to the keynote speaker share her experiences of creating deep change in war-torn nations, I realized that we have a lot to appreciate and yet a lot to improve upon. I realized that we have disconnected from our social conscience as we have hidden behind screens and neglected to recognize there is another human being on the receiving end of our words. I realized that we have not truly listened to the voices of the most vulnerable members of our society. I realized that we should be more grateful for what we do have, as it truly could be so much worse. Most importantly, I realized that democracy and civility need to be restored before any healing can occur.

My work at Leadership NH has taught me that having a strong community creates a better place for all. We cannot do this unilaterally; we will need many different lenses at the table as we look for ways to grow and strengthen our state. Those who serve in public service can tell you that for every action there is a reaction. It is only through having all the voices at the table that we can truly understand the depth of our decisions.

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New Hampshire may be known for its "Live Free or Die" motto but, as anyone who lives here will tell you, we have an incredible sense of community spirit. Let's work together to tear down, not build up, the walls around us.

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Treatment funding

The U.S. House passed a bill authorizing \$1 billion in opioid addiction treatment funding through the 21st Century Cures Act, according to multiple press releases. Half of that will be made immediately available if the bill becomes law and a provision to distribute the funding to the hardest-hit states ensures New Hampshire — among the top three in per capita overdoses — will receive a large share.

This would mark the first time Congress has authorized significant funding for opioid addiction treatment. Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen first proposed legislation that would fund treatment in November 2015. Earlier this year, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act created a federal framework for providing addiction treatment but included no funding. Local leaders in the fight against the state’s drug crisis called foul on the lack of funding in CARA. This funding would not go toward CARA programs as CARA is meant to be funded through the normal appropriations process.

According to Shaheen’s office, the 21st Century Cures Act is expected to pass the Senate, where it enjoys strong bipartisan support, as of press time. The funds would be distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

GOP Chair

Current New Hampshire Republican State Committee Chairwoman Jennifer Horn announced her plans to step down and not seek a third term. In a press release, House Majority Leader Dick Hinch thanked Horn for her service and wished her well. Horn came under some criticism from Donald Trump supporters during the campaign season when she spoke out against campaigns that rely on “bombast and divisive rhetoric,” and from others when she said she had lost faith in Congressman Frank Guinta following his campaign finance violations. Horn held two terms since 2013. Among those seeking to replace her is state Sen. Jeanie Forrester, who ran unsuccessfully for governor this year, NHPR reported. Forrester received the backing of Governor-elect Chris Sununu, whom she called immature and said lacked wisdom during the gubernatorial primary.

House speaker

House Speaker Shawn Jasper of Hudson was nominated by the Republican caucus to serve another term as speaker following a close vote, according to multiple press releases. In a statement, Jasper said he was proud that Republicans would be returning to the majority in a second consecutive year for the first time since 2004. Jasper first drew the ire of many of his fellow Republicans by gaining a majority of his support from Democrats and moderate Republicans despite the GOP caucus’ nominating former House Speaker Bill O’Brien nearly two years ago. It took two votes to secure Jasper’s nomination this year; the final vote was 109 to 104. By press time, Jasper was favored to win the full House vote during Organization Day, Dec. 7.

Dairy farms

In an open letter to the legislative Dairy Producers Task Force, Gov. Maggie Hassan urged lawmakers to make funds available to farmers through the Milk Producers Emergency Relief Fund. According to a release from Hassan’s office, dairy farms make up more than one third of the state’s farm revenue. Some \$2 million has already been appropriated but Hassan said “these farms need help as soon as possible.” The relief fund has not been funded since its creation in 2007. According to a release from Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, the task force approved a funding formula but no funding amount has been determined yet. The details are expected to be finalized in expedited legislation.

State ed funding

Merrimack Valley Regional School District Superintendent Mark MacLean penned an open letter to the state legislators elected to serve the communities in the district asking them to rethink how the state funds public education. The letter, posted to the MVSD website, argues increased spending on an increasingly complex educational system combined with downshifting costs often means higher property taxes. And while communities age and enroll fewer kids, the subsequent frustration among residents creates an “adversarial” relationship between school administrators and property owners. MacLean pointed

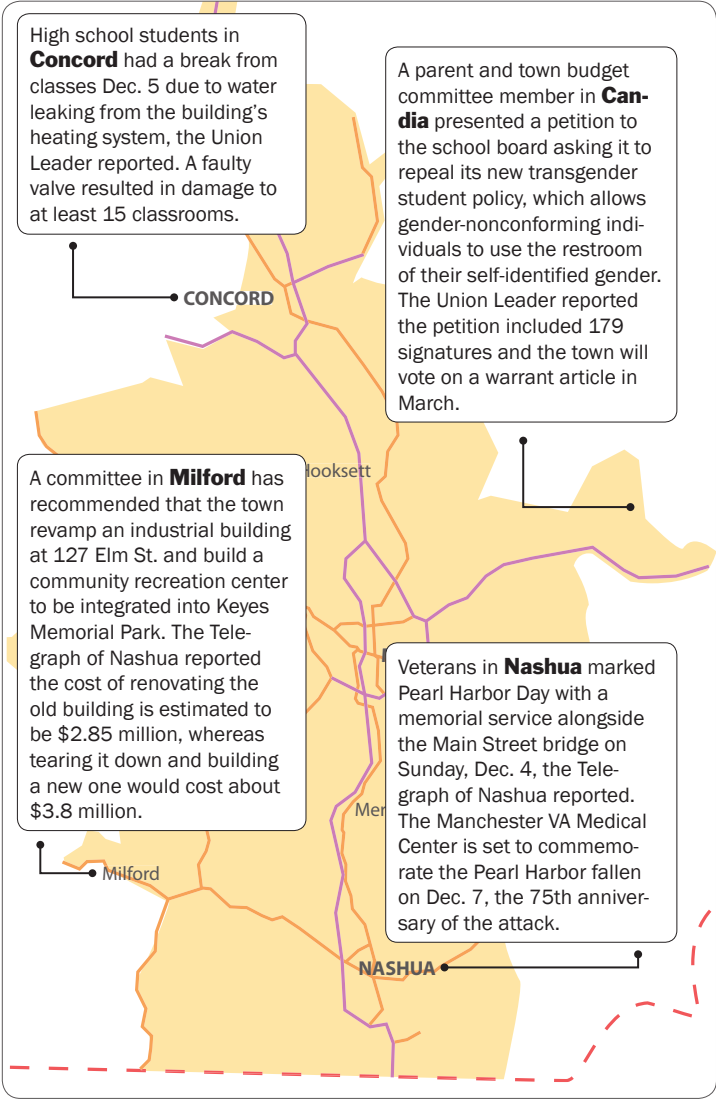
to a lack of school building aid and a recent cut to stabilization grants as evidence of the downshifting and asked the lawmakers to come up with a funding formula that lessens the burden on property owners. The MVSD enrolls 2,500 students from the towns of Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury and Webster.

Election laws

The Republican-controlled state government will be pursuing a number of election law changes next year, the AP reported. One effort, supported by Governor-elect Chris Sununu, would create a residency period requirement (past efforts have included 10-day to 30-day periods), which would effectively eliminate same-day voter registration. The state has had same-day voter registration since it was signed by a Republican governor in 1994, in part to get out of some of the obligations in the so-called Motor Voter Act, which requires states to allow for voter registration during vehicle registration. It also exempts the state from sections of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Secretary of State Bill Gardner says eliminating same-day registration will invite more problems. Another perennial election law change supported by Republicans but vetoed by Democratic governors is a change to the enfranchisement of people “domiciled” in the state, only allowing full residents the right to vote.

Election turnout

An analysis of preliminary numbers from the Secretary of State’s office by the Union Leader show high turnout — more



than 90 percent — in as many as 44 towns and city wards. Those communities appear to have given Republican Donald Trump a big push since 27 percent of the voters in those precincts voted for Trump while 17 percent voted for Democrat Hillary Clinton. Most voters are usually not new voters, according to Secretary of State Bill Gardner, who said in a phone interview that about 60 percent of

them generally voted elsewhere in the state before and registered at a new polling place on Election Day. The unofficial turnout numbers reflect ballots cast against old registration numbers, so some of the areas with the highest turnout appear to exceed 100 percent. It will take some months for the Secretary of State’s office to account for new registrations and release the final turnout numbers.

BEST WEEK

**ANAGNOST & SON**  
Manchester developer Dick Anagnost and his son Alex were named honorary co-chairs of the Manchester Historic Association’s 2017 Historic Preservation Awards. According to a press release from the MHA, Dick Anagnost has been associated with local organizations such as Families in Transition, HOPE for NH Recovery, the Moore Center, Intown Manchester, Friends of Stark Park and many others, while his son Alex is now serving as the head of the philanthropic arm of Anagnost Companies. This is the first time the awards — which celebrate their 25th year — include co-chairs.

WORST WEEK

**CONCORD HOMELESS**  
A gap in the safety net for homeless people in Concord may leave them out in the cold this winter. The Concord Monitor reported attempts to set up a winter shelter have all but failed as advocates struggle to find a single building, such as a church or nonprofit, that can house the homeless each night for the three coldest months of the year. A proposed solution would have seen the shelter bounce between three buildings, but the Friends Program, which ran a temporary winter shelter at St. Peter’s Church last year, decided that would be too difficult to manage. For years, the city’s homeless found shelter at South and First Congregational Churches, but they closed their doors in spring of 2015.



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# Marijuana for PTSD

Will this be the year the state's medical cannabis law takes a big leap?

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In separate bills, advocates are pushing to add a few more qualifying conditions to the state's medical marijuana law, including fibromyalgia, chronic pain and opioid addiction. But it's a bill that would allow people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to purchase therapeutic cannabis that might have stronger chances of passing than ever before.

Outgoing Republican state Rep. Joe Lachance of Manchester, a longtime marijuana advocate and user, submitted a legislative service request to create a bill adding PTSD to the qualifying conditions list. Since he lost his re-election bid, he said his colleague, Republican state Rep. Eric Schleen, will work as the bill's prime sponsor in the next session.

The battle is a personal one for Lachance, an Army veteran who served in the 25th Infantry Division. He said he developed chronic pain from neurological damage in his right leg after countless parachute drops. He also suffers from PTSD.

Back surgery failed to correct the problem and opioid painkillers prescribed by the VA got Lachance hooked on a steadily climbing dosage of OxyContin, oxycodone and fentanyl patches. About three or four years ago, he detoxed from the opioids with the help of his family and began using cannabis.

"I can tell you first hand that the cannabis certainly helps," Lachance said.

Before, he barely slept; he now gets a good five hours of sleep, which is a lot for him. Since his neurological damage and its accom-



panying pain are a qualifying condition, he now acquires marijuana legally at the dispensary in Plymouth.

"It's more expensive, but you're certainly looking at product that's grown under controlled environment, no pesticides — you know what you're getting," Lachance said.

When medical marijuana first became legal in New Hampshire in 2013, Gov. Maggie Hassan signaled she would not support coverage of PTSD in any bill the legislature put on her desk. She said that was due to the position of the New Hampshire Medical Society, which opposed PTSD coverage because of a dearth of American scientific research supporting the claims that marijuana had benefits, preferring instead to lean on traditional psychotherapy.

Next year, a number of things will have changed that advocates like Lachance think significantly improve the bill's chances of success.

"This is our year," Lachance said.

The New Hampshire House has been historically friendlier to loosening up mar-

ijuana regulations, the Senate has seen a lot of turnover in the last election and Republican Governor-elect Chris Sununu may be more open to PTSD coverage than Hassan was, given his support of marijuana decriminalization.

"He seems like the type of governor that if we can show that there's a benefit, he's willing to give it a shot. Because it's clear what we're doing now is not working," Lachance said.

Plus, he said, the tone of general opposition from the New Hampshire Medical Society has softened in recent years.

NHMS President Deborah Harrigan said the organization has yet to meet and decide whether they will support or oppose the bill, but given past shifts, Harrigan said it's not impossible for them to come around on the issue.

"I think that if you look at the decrim, the medical society back three years ago had said, let's oppose decriminalization, and then we changed our stance," Harrigan said.

Still, she said, the key thing NHMS will look for is evidence to back up claims of medical benefit. To that end, Lachance said he plans to supply the effort with as much scientific research — most of which has taken place abroad in places like Israel — as lawmakers can read.

Matt Simon at the Marijuana Policy Project said that while there's plenty of anecdotal evidence and foreign research, the gold standard of a double-blind placebo-controlled study just got underway this year. The results are expected to come in a few years. If the findings confirm what advocates argue is a

real medical benefit, the drug will become far more valuable.

"There is no FDA-approved pharmaceutical to treat post-traumatic stress," Simon said.

Until then, those suffering from PTSD in New Hampshire must make due with off-label antipsychotics and therapy or obtain marijuana illegally.

If PTSD is added to the state's approved list of qualifying conditions, it may mean a significant expansion of the program. In some states, like New Mexico, PTSD patients make up the majority of the program. Officials at the state Department of Health and Human Services, reached by email, said no impact study has yet been done on such an expansion. 🌊

## Medical marijuana for PTSD

- **18 of the 25 states** with medical marijuana laws (plus Guam and Washington, D.C.) allow medical cannabis use for PTSD.
- In a small study of **80 patients in New Mexico**, clinicians recorded a 75-percent PTSD score reduction when patients were using cannabis.
- To date there have been **no adverse effects** or incidents among the 3,350 patients enrolled in the PTSD program in NM.
- A Canadian study found that **72 percent** of PTSD patients who had been given a synthetic cannabinoid called nabilone experienced a cessation of nightmares or less severe nightmares.

Source: Marijuana Policy Project, CNS Neuroscience and Therapeutics.

# Barn rescue

Preservationists work to save state's barns from extinction

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Old barns on New Hampshire farmland are disappearing at increasingly faster rates. To combat that trend, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is planning a fundraising and awareness campaign that will run throughout 2017.

The initiative, called 52 Barns in 52 Weeks, will highlight a new barn in the state each week, representing every style and historical era, to demonstrate successful barn rescues.

NHPA Executive Director Jennifer Goodman said the state has a good number of English-style barns (30 feet by 40 feet in size), which are often sturdy and easier to maintain than the larger barns that were built later. Larger Yankee barns were built across the state during the dairy farm expansion in

the second half of the 19th century.

A dairy census from back in 1900 showed an estimated 20,000 barns were expected to be in the state at this time. But based on more current surveys and interviews by the Preservation Alliance, that number now could be closer to 15,000. And at a rate of one to two per year, old barns are crumbling from neglect and disrepair or getting demolished. Goodman estimates the historic barns will become "extinct" in two generations — and every barn built over the last three centuries is on their radar.

"Many barns are landmarks in their communities and symbols of hard work in their community," Goodman said.

Barn preservation has been one of the group's missions for more than a decade, and during that time, Goodman said, awareness of the problem has already improved.

"However, it's still happening at this accelerated rate and there's this big bubble of need ahead of us," Goodman said.

In just the past year, Goodman said, the organization has noted an uptick in calls for help with barn preservation. And a research project conducted last year concluded that many of the 19th-century barns in the state are seeing some much-needed repairs getting deferred due to daunting costs.

The NHPA campaign will tell the story of how 52 barns were successfully renovated, restored or reused and use those stories as a vehicle for explaining many of the unknown options people have. Goodman said property owners can get connected to contractors with expertise in old buildings, learn what simple repair they might be able to do themselves and find out how to craft a gradual, long-term repair strategy.

There will also be an educational and outreach program to explain some of the tax relief programs available to property owners that could help them pocket more money for repairs and keep property taxes affordable following a restoration. Goodman said the owners of a 19th century dairy barn in New Boston successfully repaired their barn, which they use to house their Belted Galloway cattle and host special events, with the help of tax relief in 2014.

Ultimately, as farm property might no longer be used for agricultural production, barns can be repurposed into all sorts of things. Goodman has seen examples in the state of breweries and furniture stores setting up shop in old barns and hopes that trend continues.

To get information as the program unfolds in January, email barns@nhpreservation.org; to donate, visit nhpreservation.org. 🌊



# The untouchables

Why porcupines might be taking over NH woods



A porcupine in a hemlock tree. Photo by Esther Cowles.

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Prickly porcupines have seemed more ubiquitous in New Hampshire woods in the past two years, and a shift in dominant predator species may be the cause.

Dave Anderson at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has wildlife cameras set up in his backyard, surveying his heirloom crabapple trees. He said last year was such a good year for apples, his camera caught nighttime images that featured nearly every animal in the state's animal kingdom feasting on the fruit. There were bears, deer, coyotes — and porcupines.

He said the porcupines would saunter up to the figurative dinner table totally unfazed by the presence of large carnivores like coyotes. They had nothing to fear.

“[The porcupines] had diplomatic immunity. They were able to be in the apples and eating when there were bears there, when there were coyotes there,” Anderson said. “They get a lot of respect. They come walking in almost like a skunk and none of the other animals wants to mess with them.”

Coyotes and other predators who tend to hunt smaller mammals have the instincts and good sense to steer clear of porcupines. But porcupines do have a natural enemy — the fisher. They manage to injure porcupines by pushing them out of trees and exercise a great deal of agility and skill to get at the soft underbelly of the porcupine, which is unprotected by quills.

So why aren't fishers keeping the porcupine population under control? Fisher

numbers appear to be dwindling.

“Anecdotally ... fishers seem to be rare right now,” Anderson said.

Porcupines are not a monitored species because they're not endangered, and fishers' numbers are only partially understood by trapping figures tracked by the state, so there's no hard data to back up Anderson's theory, but it makes sense; the relative absence of a primary predator would give porcupines more free rein.

Anderson isn't sure yet what could be contributing to the change in fisher numbers but he's working on a theory that partially has

to do with fishers' interaction with pine martens, a smaller weasel with lighter fur that's more common in Maine.

Meanwhile, coyotes have been growing in dominance lately and eating up much of the herbivore competition for porcupines. That means more food for the spiky animals.

Porcupines will eat fruits, vegetables and tree branches. Their breeding season just ended, and in the winter they tend to shack up in ledges with a tree they can use to climb in and out.

They can wreak havoc on gardens, so Anderson recommends strong fencing to protect your crops. He had to protect a willow tree on his property by wrapping stove pipe around the trunk. Sheet metal would also do the trick.

If you have dogs in a wooded neighborhood, Anderson said a leash may be the best way to protect your pet. Anderson can speak firsthand on how expensive is to have a vet remove quills, which have barbs on the end that make them hard to pull out. 🐾

““ They come walking in like a skunk and none of the other animals wants to mess with them.” ”

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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

## Make-A-Wish

Foundation celebrates 30 years in NH

Julie Baron of Gilford is the president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Hampshire.

**Q:** *How many wishes has the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted to the state's seriously ill children over the years?*

We have actually granted almost 1,400 wishes since we were incorporated back in December of 1986. We have grown so much over the years. That very, very first year ... we granted one wish for a wish child named Kelby. ... [Now] we are granting close to 90 wishes a year. That's our goal for this year. Last year, we granted 87 wishes. But we know that there are still more children out there, so our goal, and really our dream, is to be able to grant a wish for every eligible child every single year and really have the capacity to do that. ... We know that there are approximately 112 children each year that are diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition just in our state of New Hampshire. ... So we're at a place now where we're granting a wish every four, four and a half days, and we [would] really like to get to a place where we're granting a wish every couple of days.

*Can you recount some of the more unique wishes?*

This is one of the hardest questions because unique can mean so many different things. But what we're really trying to do is provide a life-changing experience for a child. So it's whatever their heartfelt wish is. ... In doing that, it really means so many different things for our wish children. Some of the interesting things are, I remember a young lady who wanted to dig for dinosaur bones, I remember a little boy who wanted to meet and defeat Darth Vader, I remember a young man who wanted to see the biggest of everything and ride a camel. They manifest themselves in so many different ways, from being on Broadway to being a magician to being and learning how to be a puppeteer. So when our ... volunteer wish-granters go out and they meet with the child, they really sit down with them and they try to figure out what's in that child's mind, by asking them a lot of questions about the 'why' of the wish.

*What are some of the most common wishes? Do a lot of children wish to go to Disney World, for example?*

Well, every wish is really, really different, but sometimes it might look like from



Julie Baron. Courtesy photo.

the outside that a lot of the wishes may be similar. For instance, if a child wishes to go to Disney, which is about maybe 40 percent of our requests ... we might have a child that wishes

to meet Buzz Lightyear or wishes to meet Mickey Mouse or wants to be a princess and that really comes to life at Disney. So the answer to your question is 'yes,' but even some of the wishes really aren't the same.

*How has the organization changed in New Hampshire over the past three decades?*

I think that we have really been doing a great job and it's one of the things that we continue to really work on, because there's so much more that we need to do. But one of the big things that we've been focusing on is outreach. When I first got here back in 2004, one of the things that we discovered right away by doing some work with polling at UNH was that people knew who we were, they knew who Make-A-Wish was, but they didn't really understand what we did. They think 'Wow, what a really nice thing to do for a child.' But what we have found with all of our impact studies and outreach work is that it is really important for people to understand exactly the difference that Make-A-Wish can make and this is really so much more than something nice to do. It's really a life-changing experience for that child. That's something that we've been working on and growing over the years. ... One of the other areas is really busting some other myths. ... When our organization started nationally over 35 years ago, our mission was to grant wishes for children with that horrible 'T' word (terminal). But many years ago, over 25 years ago, we really shifted our mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. ... What we could do for them [was] really a turning point for them during their treatment. And we were also finding that parents weren't referring their children because in order to refer your child you would have to give up on them. ... We lose some of them still, but so many more of them we don't and we hope that we give them the hope, the strength to really fight that tough battle and come out the other end. — Ryan Lessard

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# QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

## Can you hear me now?

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen recently announced the expansion of 4G LTE services to New Hampshire's North Country, which she said will significantly boost economic development, tourism and public safety in the region. The new service was built and operated by Wireless Partners in Coos County and will carry Verizon services, according to a press release. Four new cell phone towers have gone up, and 12 more are to be constructed in the next phase of the project.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *This is certainly great news for North Country residents, but also for us southern New Hampshireites who frequent the state's northern region for White Mountains excursions to go hiking or, especially in the winter months, skiing.*

## The winningest quarterback

New Hampshire Pats fans got a QOL-booster on Sunday — thanks to the team's 26-10 win against the Los Angeles Rams, star quarterback Tom Brady is now the winningest quarterback in NFL history. It was his 201st win with the New England Patriots, a record that surpasses former rival and record-holder Peyton Manning. The game also pushed New England to its 14th straight season with at least 10 wins.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *It sure is nice being a Pats fan.*

## Fewer painkiller prescriptions

The number of prescription opioids like oxycodone and morphine prescribed in the state have decreased by 13 percent in the past year. NHPR reported about 10.7 million doses of narcotic painkiller prescriptions were handed out in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2016, according to a presentation by the manager of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. That's down from 12.4 million doses in the first quarter (October through December 2015). Suspected doctor shopping, when patients seek the same prescription from multiple doctors, also decreased by nearly two-thirds.

**QOL Score:** +1

**Comment:** *Generally one-third of residents in each county received a prescription of a controlled substance. Grafton County had the least with 29 percent and Belknap County had the most with 39 percent.*

## Canine distemper detected in foxes

State officials say gray foxes have been found with canine distemper, a usually fatal virus, in southern New Hampshire and the Upper Connecticut River Valley, the Concord Monitor reported. The virus can be spread to dogs and ferrets, so pet owners are encouraged to vaccinate their furry friends with a vaccine series known as DAPP (distemper, adeno, parvovirus and para-influenza). Symptoms of late-stage distemper usually manifest in confusion and risky daytime activities like standing in busy streets.

**QOL Score:** -1

**Comment:** *Growth in the fox populations could make it easier for the virus to spread.*

**QOL score:** 79

**Net change:** +2

**QOL this week:** 81

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# Manny, Bud, Gronk and return to sanity



It was a week of many big things to talk about, so let's get to it.

## News Item: Down Goes Gronk – Again

The two obvious responses to losing **Rob Gronkowski** for the year to his latest back injury are (a) The Patriots' Super Bowl chances just took a big hit and (b) Football is a brutal sport so it happens to everybody (like the broken leg suffered on Sunday by Seattle's **Earl Thomas**, whose big hit started Gronk's troubles). However, given how much they rely on the big fella, a third should be, Now what? There's been chatter maybe they'll move on from him because even though he's been put in bubble wrap every pre-season to avoid the chance of a big injury, it's now happened for the third time in five years. But with him at a cap-friendly number and still a gigantic difference-maker that's not smart. Protecting themselves against being too reliant on one guy, however, is not. So it's time to draft a big-play tight end to jointly use with him, who's able to step into the breach when/if he goes down. Or to get a real playmaker on the outside if the tight end-centric game they've been running since 2010 was a product of being lucky enough to find Gronk and **Aaron Hernandez** (the player) in the same draft. I'm guessing it'll be easier to find the latter, but either way it should be an off-season focus.

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## News Item: Bud Selig Elected to Hall of Fame

It's hard to believe baseball could come up with a bigger joke than a guy being named most "valuable" player of a league as **Mike Trout** after he/his awful team had zero impact on the AL race. But they have, and it didn't even take a month. That would be naming **Bud Selig** to the Hall of Fame. Now I know someone who worked for Bud when he owned the Brewers and

says he's a prince of a guy. But you don't get in the Hall, or shouldn't, for that. You should for what happened on your watch, which in Bud's case as baseball commissioner was the entire steroid era, a sordid era of non-stop home runs, deception and lies that continued unabated as the owners looked the other way because the fans loved the action.

And even though **Roger Maris'** single-season record of 61 homers was magically passed six times between 1998 and 2001 and the 50-homer mark topped 21 times between 1995 and 2006 after only being done 18 times the previous 46 years, he feigned ignorance and got away with it. It was an era that only ended after he was hauled in front of Congress (under the not so subtle threat of baseball losing its anti-trust exemption) to explain why cheating was rampant in baseball. After that came the greatest PR damage-control document eve, the Mitchell Report, to lay all the blame on the players and none on owners who looked the other way because it was good for business. I'd even say the owners were entirely responsible for it growing into what it became, because every mid-level player knew if they didn't use, the next guy would and they'd be out of a job. That, my friends, is a travesty of justice and a lesson on how the folks with the power make the rules. The only way to correct this is to swing open the door for great but tainted players like **Barry Bonds**, **Roger Clemens**, **Mark McGwire**, etc. now being denied entry. Because if the guy who let all that happen is in, how can you keep them out too?

## News Item: Common Sense Finally Returns to Baseball's All-Star Game

In a week where baseball got one really wrong, they also got one really right. That would be undoing the second dumbest and third worst thing done by **Bud Selig**: determining home field advantage in the World Series by the result of an exhibition

game. It was done by Bud the Dud bowing (again) to kiss the ring of Fox Sports money to attempt to revive ratings of the All-Star Game. What they failed to understand is that while it's always been an exhibition game, it started as a game of pride — real, not contrived. When it started in 1933 players rarely switched leagues so each league (and its fans) wanted to win to show which had a better brand of ball. Then while that continued during the beginning of the civil rights movement in the 1950s into the 1970s, black players wanted to show they could compete with whites. That became part of the drive for the NL after it embraced integration far more fully than the AL and is the biggest reason why the NL won 19 of 20 games between 1963 and 1982. That all ended as civil rights battles were won and players switched leagues more freely in free agency and for fans after regularly seeing all of baseball's great stars thanks to the explosion of cable TV. So give baseball credit for finally realizing that era is gone for good and restoring sanity to playoff baseball by giving home field in the Series to the team that earns it by having the best regular-season record.

## News Item: Is Manny Hall-Worthy?

I loved **Manny Ramirez'** Manny Being Manny act, loved the homers and all the clutch hitting. He certainly has Hall-worthy numbers and it's possible **David Ortiz** doesn't become David Ortiz without hitting next to Manny. But he got caught three times in PED tests, two of which came after the Mitchell Report and the last for a "masking" agent. That clearly says if you're using a drug to mask an illegal substance you're cheating. Thus the now Hall-eligible Manny's fate should be to join **Shoeless Joe Jackson** and **Pete Rose** in the great hitters wing of those left on the outside of the Hall looking in.

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# The U goes down hard

**Big Story:** That's all she wrote for the UNH football season after a 55-22 pummeling by James Madison on Saturday. Much was made in the U's postgame PR info sent of its laudable 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive trip to the NCAA playoffs. But you have to wonder about a tourney that saw them score 64 points in an opening-round rout of Lehigh before losing time of possession 39:44 to 20:16 in a 33-point loss to NCAA rival JMU. That has me trying to figure out what the score would have been if JMU ever faced Lehigh.

**Sports 101:** Twelve of the last 13 Heisman Trophy winners have been underclassman. Who was the last senior to win the award?

**Rough Week In Manch Vegas:** That was a rough week for Bentley basketball, who came to the Queen City twice in four days. Thanks to **Chris Braley's** primo 9 for 11 from the field and 8-9 from the line shooting night they were 91-85 losers to St. Anselm. Then on Saturday they were 82-62 losers to SHNU in what was an unofficial New Hampshire day as Merrimack's **Dim- itri Flores** with 19 and Amherst's **Devin Gilligan's (Island)** with 18 led the way.

**Rumor Mill:** Will local lad **Chip Kelly**

fly the coop in San Francisco after a 1-11 start in Year 1 at 49ers coach to return to head the University of Oregon after it fired his successor, **Mark Helfrich**? He's said he's not interested, but stranger things have happened. Stay tuned.

**Coming and Going:** Say so long to **Bobby Meacham**, as the former Yankees utility man will leave the F-Cats behind after being promoted to manage the Blue Jays' AAA team in Buffalo in 2017.

**Sports 101 Answer:** It's been 10 long years since Ohio State's **Troy Smith** was the last senior to win the Heisman Trophy in 2006. Odd since it went 27 years after **Jay Berwanger** won the first one in 1935 before Navy QB **Roger Staubach** became the first underclassmen to win as a junior in 1963.

**On This Date – Dec. 8: 1940** – Chicago annihilates Washington's (politically inco) Rectskins 73-0 in the NFL Championship game. **1961** – Philadelphia's **Wilt Chamberlain** goes for 78 points in a wild 151-145 triple-overtime loss to the Lakers when **Elgin Baylor** had 63 for L.A. **1987** – former time Manchester Monarchs GM **Ron Hextall** becomes the first NHL goalie to score a goal while playing for the Philadelphia Flyers. 🐼

## The Numbers

**1** – win in 34 games over the last four seasons for the West football team, which led to the dismissal of head coach **Vance Sullivan** and his entire coaching staff.

**5** – wins in 36 overall tries for the SNHU hockey program vs. St. Anselm after the Penmen were 3-2 winners over the Hawks when **Tim**

(Tampa) **Baylis** potted the game-winner with just 1:34 left on Tuesday.

**10 & 7** – points and rebounds for **Wenyen Gabriel** in a 115-69 thrashing of Arizona State as top-ranked Kentucky moved to 6-0 as his first year with the Wildcats continued.

**92** – rushing yards on 15 carries to go along with 2

TD's as **Dalton Crossan** closed out a solid career at UNH in the previously mentioned loss to James Madison in the NCAA football tournament.

**65** – score carded by **Tiger Woods** in Round 2 of his comeback from a litany of injuries which began at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas last weekend. 🐼

## Sports Glossary

**Aaron Hernandez:** Player who slid to Round 4 in the 2010 draft thanks to questionable off-field behavior that was worse than anyone expected and came back to haunt the Patriots and others in a much worse way. Now serving life in the big house for the murder of **Odin Lloyd** and awaiting trial for an alleged double murder in Boston a year earlier.

**Mike Trout:** Outstanding player for the Angels of Anaheim, L.A. and the world, incorrectly given AL-MVP when it was mistaken for what he was — it's Most Outstanding Player and there's a difference.

**Worst/Dumbest Move of the Bud Selig Era:** Gave tacit approval of steroid use for over a decade even as the hitters hit cartoon-like proportion because the turnstiles kept turning.

**Second Worst/Dumbest Move of the Bud Selig Era:** Couldn't find labor peace, which led to the cancellation of the 1994 World Series.

**Third Worst/Dumbest Move of the Bud Selig Era:** Turned the All-Star game into a travesty by (a) giving the winning league home field in the Series because Fox made him in a failed effort to juice pathetic ratings, and (b) expanding the roster to a ridiculous 40 players after the 2002 game ended in a tie when they ran out of players because everyone had to play.

**Fourth Worst/Dumbest Move of the Bud Selig Era:** Expanded inter-league play that has AL teams playing NL teams in September (and April) when division rivals should be determining their fates face to face.

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## CHOCOLATE CHEER

Festive chocolate treats for the holidays

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From solid chocolates in holiday-themed shapes to artisan chocolates with festive hand-painted designs, local chocolatiers are showcasing their creativity with all kinds of seasonal treats.

For Richard Tango-Lowy, owner and master chocolatier at Dancing Lion Chocolate in Manchester, the holiday season is an opportunity to innovate and play around with different ideas about how to use chocolate.

"We only make things once; every time we make something, it's something new," he said. "We experiment and make lots of crazy stuff and just try hard not to run out of it. That's how it goes. It's a lot of fun."

You can try a sweeter alternative to a regular card with Dancing Lion's choc-

olate holiday postcards. There are three designs to choose from with 3-D shapes including ornaments, holly leaves and Christmas trees. Each piece is hand-painted in color. Customers also have the choice of "Season's Greetings" or, for an additional cost, a three- to five-word custom message painted on the card.

Other holiday treats to be featured this year are hand-painted chocolate ornaments with cinnamon ganache; cacao pods with hand-painted holly leaves, filled with a Christmas tree-shaped brittle; a chocolate truffle Christmas tree; a large cacao bar with a hand-painted winter scene of snow and evergreen trees; and edible chocolate boxes with hand-painted Christmas tree or snowflake designs, filled with pistachio brittle.

"And anything else we think of as we get going with these," Tango-Lowy said. "I have some other ideas, too, but I won't

share those quite yet."

Chocolates at Dancing Lion are made in small batches, but you can see what's currently available and order products on the shop's website.

At The Chocolate Fanatic in Amherst, owner and chocolate maker Maria Marini is working on her own handcrafted seasonal chocolates, including solid pieces in shapes like a Rudolph head, Santa Claus and a snowman. But one of the shop's most popular holiday items is the four-layered 3-D chocolate Christmas tree, available in milk or dark chocolate, drizzled with white chocolate and spotted with rainbow sprinkles.

"We pour [the branches] individually into a mold, pull them out and glue them together with chocolate so they're stacked like a real tree," Marini said. "They're so cute. We sell a lot of those, and you can't get them anywhere else."



The 3-D layered chocolate Christmas tree from The Chocolate Fanatic in Amherst. Courtesy photo.



Newcomer on the local chocolate scene La Cascade du Chocolat of Hooksett has some special treats prepared for its first holiday season in business, such as hangable chocolate ornaments with festive designs hand-painted in colored cocoa butter.

“I’ve never seen other [chocolate ornaments] with a hole drilled into it to hang it, so I think it’s an original idea,” said Tom Nash, chocolatier and co-owner with master chocolatier Samantha Brown. “And they’re colored well enough that it doesn’t look like chocolate. It looks like a real, traditional ornament, but it’s completely edible.”

For a sippable treat, try their chocolate snowman on a stick, which you can stir into hot water or milk to make a rich chocolate drink. You can get ones with just chocolate or ones that are filled with peppermint or other spices. 🍷



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**OLD SCHOOL**  
NH-made fudge a sweet tradition

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Fudge-making in New Hampshire is kind of like the holiday season itself — it’s all about traditions and nostalgia.

It’s one of the things Doug Nelson, owner of Nelson’s Candies in Wilton, likes about the business. Some of his machines date back to 1906, and the recipes are the same his grandfather used when he started Nelson’s Candies in 1911. The fudge, characterized by its sugary texture, is made in an antique copper kettle, stirred by hand with wooden paddles. Nelson’s been doing it since age 14.

“Everything we make, we’ve used the same formulas. Nothing has changed. As long as raw ingredients don’t change, the candy’s not going to change,” Nelson, now 72, said via phone. “We’re old-school!”

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(Above and below) Fudge from the Mill Fudge Factory. Courtesy photos.

◀ 13 selves if they stop by the Wilton shop, which has been in town for 24 years.

“It’s all wide open — we don’t make anything in the back room. Anybody can look right over and see what we’re doing,” Nelson said.

At the time of his interview, Nelson was preparing for some long days making the “old standards” — chocolate, chocolate walnut, penuche and peanut butter, plus seasonals like maple, maple walnut, pumpkin and pumpkin pecan.

“Christmas is our biggest holiday. That’s what keeps us in business,” Nelson said.

The same is true for candy shop owners and fudge makers all over the state. Danielle Maxwell, general manager at Van Otis Chocolates in Manchester, said staff were making two batches of fudge a day around Christmastime, working an average of 50 to 60 hours a week to keep up with demand.

“It’s a cozy product,” Maxwell said. “We sell 9 tons of Swiss fudge a year, and more than half of that is sold during the holiday season.”

Their Swiss fudge recipe is also old-school — it’s the same founder Evangeline Hasiotis and her chocolatier came up with

around the time she started the company in 1935, though this time of year you can get it in a variety of holiday flavors, like peppermint.

“I think what makes ours unique is that it’s got a smoother, creamier texture. It melts in your mouth,” Maxwell said. “People relate to ours like the inside of a truffle. The smooth texture of it is like ganache.”

Linda Carmichael, co-owner of the Mill Fudge Factory in Bristol, who originates from Glasgow, Scotland, said her business’s fudge recipe was inspired by her father’s old butter-based Scottish tablet but is made with all-natural ingredients (and New Hampshire-made honey instead of corn syrup) and no preservatives.

“We wanted to make it softer than tablet, which is breakable,” Carmichael said. “Our fudge is actually a little different because it’s butter-based, rather than cream-based, so it has a slightly different texture.”

In addition to traditional chocolate and salted caramel flavors, Mill Fudge offers cabin fever maple whiskey, cranberry maple nut, eggnog, pumpkin and chocolate mint fudge this time of year.

Carmichael and her husband, David Munro, and stepson, Noah Munro, started the ice cream and fudge business in 2006, but she said it still has an old-school feel; it’s located in a renovated old building near Bristol’s town square, and the back of it, where the fudge is made, dates back to the 1700s.

Carmichael said they work hard to be a community-supporting institution that people like visiting — in fact, it’s one of the reasons they started the business in the first place.

“David and I used to come up here for years, and we didn’t know anybody — we camped out on this piece of land we bought. Now we know everybody,” Carmichael said. “Everything we do, we try to do beautifully to high standards. Frankly, there are easier ways to make money than food. ... But it’s a love for us. We love it, and we love the people that are part of our community because of it.”





# GO NUTS

## Peanut brittle, homemade nutty treats and more

By Matt Ingersoll  
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If your sweet tooth craves candy of a more nut-based variety during the holiday season, New Hampshire has a lot to offer in the way, from peanut brittle to nut-and-chocolate combos to simple roasted nuts.

### Brittle by brittle

There are few places in the Granite State where you can find peanut brittle hand-made and prepared the way Hutchinson's Candy in Londonderry does it. In fact, co-owner Jim Beaumont said the old-fashioned way of manufacturing the nutty treat – in a copper kettle over an open fire – has become something of a “lost art” in the United States.

“Peanut brittle has to be done well by hand,” Beaumont said. “It’s very time-consuming and manual-intensive, but anybody who has ever tried our peanut brittle knows that we take the time to do it right and to make sure it comes out consistently.”

Jim and his wife, Pam Beaumont, bought Hutchinson's Candy in August 2015 after nearly 30 years of combined experience in IT, but the company has been making can-

dy since 1904.

Hutchinson's specializes in several types of nut-based candies including peanut brittle, cranberry almond popcorn, chocolate-covered walnuts and pecan penuche.

“Our peanut brittle is made up of white sugar, corn syrup and water, and we add butter and other ingredients,” he said. “It requires two people to spread it, cut it and bag it. ... We’ve sort of learned the art of breaking it up in just the right proportions. We like to have a couple of large pieces and some small pieces, and the bags are all labeled and sealed by hand as well. So it’s a pretty time-consuming process, but we love to do it.”

He said Hutchinson's has recently begun experimenting with preparing peanut brittle to serve as an ice cream topping.

### Nuts, and then some

Candy Goyette of Hudson has been making candy for her family for more than 30 years, but it was nine years ago when she started Our Sister's Nuts, a homestead business offering seven different kinds of nutty treats, where nuts are the star but feature milk and dark chocolate, cinnamon, oatmeal cookies and other goodies.



Peanut brittle and peanut butter fudge. Courtesy of Hutchinson's Candy.

Goyette buys her nuts and confections from several area businesses, but the recipes are her own. One includes a sweet walnut with an oatmeal cookie wrapped around it, and other mixed nuts she makes with Hershey's chocolate and Hershey's cocoa mix.

She also prepares homemade cinnamon almonds.

“Almonds are very good for you, and

cinnamon is good for you too for that matter, but a lot of people don't eat almonds because sometimes they are very hard,” she said. “But all of my products are baked, and when you bake the almonds, they get softer. They still have a bit of a crunch to them, but it's not like a raw almond would taste.”

Goyette has a tip for nut-lovers.

“Whenever I sell nuts, I always tell my customers that if you know you're not going to use all of them right away, that you should freeze them,” she said. “Most of us know the nutritional value of nuts now, and they freeze really well. It's just like if you open a jar of nuts and forget about it because you may not eat them all the time, you just want to be a bit cautious.”

In Salem, Pearls Candy & Nuts carries dozens of candies but specializes in fresh roasting its own nuts. For nut-based candies, you can find chocolate-covered peanuts that come in milk and dark chocolate, as well as all kinds of turtles, cashews, peanut brittle, and chocolate-covered mixed nuts.

“We definitely sell a lot of nuts around the holiday season, but [the sales] are kind of steady all the time,” co-owner Rick Pearl said. 🍷

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## WHERE TO GET YOUR CANDY FIX

Get peanut brittle, fudge, decorative chocolates and more at these local spots.



**Ava Marie Handmade Chocolates** (43 Grove St., Peterborough, 924-5993, [avamariechocolates.com](http://avamariechocolates.com)) offers a variety of decorative specialty chocolates that include truffles, turtles, caramels and more. Gift boxes are also available.

**Candy Kingdom** (235 Harvard St., Manchester, 641-8470, [facebook.com/candykingdom5](http://facebook.com/candykingdom5)) offers 15 different flavors of homemade fudge, as well as several kinds of favorite indulgences that include assorted decorative chocolates, white, milk or dark chocolate-covered popcorn, peanut butter cups, chocolate-covered pretzels and more. Products can be purchased from inside the store, or special orders can be made by calling or by direct messaging the store on Facebook.

**The Chocolate Fanatic** (76 Route 101A, Unit 5, Amherst, 672-7133, [thechocolatefanatic.org](http://thechocolatefanatic.org)) has dozens of treats that include truffles, barks, caramels and more. Popular items include the dark-chocolate-dipped Oreo cookies with peppermint chunks and peanut butter granola blocks. Products can be purchased through an online order.

**The Chocolatier** (27 Water St., Exeter, 772-5253, [the-chocolatier.com](http://the-chocolatier.com)) offers a variety of candies that include treats of the nutty, gummy and chocolatey varieties. Popular items include pecan turtles and a peppermint-flavored chocolate bark. Products can be purchased on the online store or by calling to order.

**Chutters Candy Counter** (43 Main St., Littleton, 444-5787; 165 Main St., Lincoln, 728-6144, [chutters.com](http://chutters.com)) is a candy-lover's dream, offering more than 500 kinds of sweets, including fudges, gummy candies, jelly beans, homemade truffles and everything in between.

**Dancing Lion Chocolate** (917 Elm St., Manchester, 625-4043, [dancinglion.us](http://dancinglion.us)) makes its own chocolate bars and offers chocolate bonbons individually or packaged in gift boxes. Mayan-style drinking chocolate is also available.

**The Fudge Folks** (169 Governor Wentworth Highway, Mirror Lake, 569-2769) offers a call-to-order old-fashioned cocoa fudge available for purchase.

**Granite State Candy Shoppe** (832 Elm St., Manchester, 218-3885, and 13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591, [granitestatecandyshoppe.com](http://granitestatecandyshoppe.com))



Fudge from the Mill Fudge Factory. Courtesy photos.

[pe.com](http://pe.com)) offers roasted nuts and 10-ounce bags of peanut and cashew brittle online and in its retail stores. You can also choose from a variety of gummy candies, fudges, maple sugar candies, gourmet chocolates and more.

**Hutchinson's Candy** (10 Tinker Ave., Unit D, Londonderry, 926-3033, [hutchinsonscandy.com](http://hutchinsonscandy.com)) produces handmade peanut brittle as well as cranberry almond popcorn, chocolate-covered walnuts and more. They also make several types of fudge, with and without nuts. Products can be purchased online or at several area independent grocery stores, including Sully's Superette in Allentown and Goffstown, Farm and Flowers Market in Manchester, The Common Man General Store in Hooksett, and other stores in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. Visit the website for a full list of vendors.

**Kandy Kettle Kitchen** (Concord, 244-6199, [kandykettlekitchen.com](http://kandykettlekitchen.com)) sells handmade peanut brittle in small batches and an almond buttercrunch recipe using milk chocolate and toffee. Fudges are available in several specialty flavors, including candy cane, divinity walnut, pistachio and more. Products can be purchased online or at Nature's Country Store in Epsom, Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton, Carter Hill Orchard in Concord, Hackleboro Orchards in Canterbury, and LaValley Farms in Hooksett.

**Kellerhaus** (259 Endicott St. North, Weirs Beach, 366-4466, [kellerhaus.com](http://kellerhaus.com)) offers handmade candy canes and ribbon candy, large 3-D chocolates shapes in milk, dark and white chocolate and nonpareil snowmen. Regular nonpareils are made daily. Their best seller is a 'favorites tray' which includes an assortment of buttercrunch candies, turtles and clusters. The shop is 110 years old and it sells items online as well.

**Kilwins** (20 Congress St., Market Square, Portsmouth, 319-8842, [kilwins.com](http://kilwins.com)) offers dozens of kinds of candies, including fudge, toffee, caramel, corns, brittles and more. Products can be purchased online or in the store.

**La Cascade du Chocolat** (264-7006, [lascadeduchocolat.com](http://lascadeduchocolat.com)) offers truffles, gift baskets of decorative chocolates, homemade chocolate bars and more. You can find them at the Amherst Open Air Market, the Concord Winter Farmers' Market and select local retailers. See website for details.

**Mill Fudge Factory** (2 Central St., Bristol, 744-0405, [themillfudgefactory.com](http://themillfudgefactory.com)) offers dozens of classic and specialty fudges, available for purchase by the slice or several in a box. Special holiday sampler boxes can also be purchased. Popular flavors include Belgian chocolate, peanut butter and maple walnut.

**Mountain View Fudge** (18 Mulberry St., Claremont, 542-2051, [facebook.com/flavoursofourregion](http://facebook.com/flavoursofourregion)) offers more than 30 varieties of fudge for purchase. Call directly or email [iloveyourfudge@yahoo.com](mailto:iloveyourfudge@yahoo.com) to place an order.



# SWEETS OF THE SEASON

From candy canes to sugar mints



By Ryan Lessard  
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From candy canes to sugar plums, certain candies and confections are indelibly linked to the holiday season. While most of those candies are mass-produced nowadays, some local candy shops still use small-scale craftsmanship and Old World recipes.

## Candy canes

Nicoletta Gullace, an associate professor of history at the University of New Hampshire, said candy canes were on the ground floor when Christmas traditions were starting to become commercialized in the Western world.

"That dates back to the late 19th century ... to try and enhance family ceremony and also to sell products — things like Coca-Cola and Christmas cards," Gullace said. "It was already part of Christmas traditions."

The candy cane's origin story is a subject of some controversy. One story tells of a late 17th-century choir master in Germany who developed sticks of sugar that heralded the candy cane as a way to keep kids quiet during church service, but Gullace said that tale may be apocryphal given how expensive sugar was at the time.

There's also some debate about the nature of the cane shape. Some believe the curved end is meant to signify a shepherd's crook, calling to mind the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus in the nativity 18▶

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◀16 **Must Have Fudge** (130 G.H. Carter Drive, Danville, 382-7469, [musthavefudge.com](http://musthavefudge.com)) offers homemade fudges that are sold at a variety of retail locations across New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Call or visit the website for a full list of vendors.

**Nelson's Candies** (65 Main St., Wilton, 654-5030, [nelsonscandieswilton.com](http://nelsonscandieswilton.com)) offers hand-pulled peanut brittle, milk chocolate turtles made with pecans and cashews, and a butter crunch toffee topped with crushed almonds. Other popular products include cordial cherries hand-dipped in chocolate, dark chocolate ginger puff candy and chocolate marzipan. Products can be purchased online or in the store.

**Our Sister's Nuts** (Hudson, 897-5415, [oursistersnuts.com](http://oursistersnuts.com)) is a homestead business offering several kinds of nut-based candies, including cinnamon almonds and mixed nuts made in milk and dark chocolate and oatmeal cookies. Products can be special-ordered online or purchased at The Cozy Tea Cart (104 Route 13, Brookline, 249-9111, [thecozyteacart.com](http://thecozyteacart.com)).

**Pearls Candy & Nuts** (309 S. Broadway, No. 2, Salem, 893-9100, [pearlscandynh.com](http://pearlscandynh.com)) offers dozens of candies, including milk- and dark-chocolate-covered peanuts, as well as

turtles, cashews, peanut brittle, and chocolate-covered mixed nuts, available for purchase either online or inside the retail store.

**Sama Chocolatier** (6 Lakewood Road, Windham, 781-789-7464, [samachocolatier.com](http://samachocolatier.com)) offers several custom-made fudges and decorative chocolates for purchase online or by calling to order.

**Sanborn's Fine Candies** (143 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 382-5547, [sanbornsfinecandies.com](http://sanbornsfinecandies.com); 293 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 926-5061, [sanbornscandies.com](http://sanbornscandies.com)) offers cashew and walnut turtles, as well as almonds, pecans and other nuts dipped in milk, dark or white chocolate. Several kinds of homemade fudges and homemade sugar mints are also available. Products can either be special-ordered online or purchased inside the retail store.

**Van Otis Chocolates** (314 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611, [vanotischocolates.com](http://vanotischocolates.com)) offers a variety of flavors of Swiss fudge, including milk, dark and sugar-free. Assorted chocolates are also available for purchase in a combo box. Other products include peanut brittle, caramelized almonds and other nuts, and candy-covered popcorn that comes in white chocolate, maple, caramel and other flavors.

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ciated with modern Christmas traditions but Gullace believes that may be due to their common use as a component of gingerbread houses.

The invention of miniature gingerbread houses owes its origin to the Brothers Grimm tale of Hansel and Gretel, two children who happen upon a house in the woods made of gingerbread and candy.

"After that, confectioners started to make these and they became part of the Christmas tradition," Gullace said. 🍷

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A sweet snack often associated with Christmas, mainly through gifts, is caramel corn. A century-old confection and

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### Thursday, Dec. 8

The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual **auction and dinner for charity** at The White Birch Catering & Banquet Hall (222 Central St., Hudson) at 6 p.m. The event includes a buffet dinner and a chance to win several raffle items and themed gift baskets. The cost is \$25 per person and proceeds benefit the St. John Food Pantry. Visit [hudsonchamber.com](http://hudsonchamber.com) or call 889-4731 for more details.



### Saturday, Dec. 10

**Learn about orienteering** at the Brown Lane Barn (52 Brown Lane, Hollis) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Up North Orienteering will teach participants how to use a map and compass to find markers in the woods while getting competitive and racing through the forest. All ages and levels of skill are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person. Visit [beaverbrook.org](http://beaverbrook.org) or call 465-3142 for more details.



### Saturday, Dec. 10

**Make your own wood ornaments** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) from 10 a.m. to noon. Adults and children are encouraged to drop by one of the museum's studio spaces to participate. All New Hampshire residents will receive free admission. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org) or call 669-6144.



### Wednesday, Dec. 14

Join the Pelham Public Library (24 Village Green) for a **quilling workshop** from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Quilling is the art of curling and shaping narrow strips of paper and laying them on their edges to form designs, and produces beautiful and unique Christmas tree ornaments and gift tags. The workshop will be led by Leslie Kennedy of the North American Quilling Guild. Admission to participate is free, but registration is required. Visit [pelhampubliclibrary.org](http://pelhampubliclibrary.org) or call 635-7581.

### EAT: gluten-free holiday cooking

Don't miss the next **three-course gluten-free cooking demo** at Wasserman Park (116 Naticook Road, Merrimack) on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The classes are taught by TV chef and author Oonagh Williams. The theme of this one is "elegant and easy holiday entertaining" and the menu will include shrimp and roasted red pepper dip, sweet spicy salmon on apple slices, chicken sate, and white chocolate raspberry cheesecake. The cost is \$45 for Merrimack residents and \$50 for non-residents. Visit [merrimackparksandrec.org](http://merrimackparksandrec.org) or call 424-6412 to sign up.

### DRINK: tea

Join The Cozy Tea Cart Shoppe and Cafe (104 Route 13, Brookline) for **holiday afternoon tea** on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. while enjoying a peaceful break from the pre-holiday rush. The cost is \$34.95 per person and registration is required. Visit [thecozyteacart.com](http://thecozyteacart.com) or call 249-9111.

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# Artsy gifts

What to give the artist or art-lover in your life

By Kelly Sennott  
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Most people can't get the artists in their lives *Hamilton* tickets or Paris trips to see the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum — but a Mona Lisa pillowcase? Totally doable.

We reached out to New Hampshire artists for tips to help you with your 2016 holiday shopping, and they produced a variety of unique ideas, from a portable steam inhaler (for actors and singers) to restored typewriters (for writers).

## Buy art

When it comes to art shopping, take into consideration how well you know the person you're shopping for. One option is to forego surprises and bring your friend or family member into a gallery to pick something out. Another is to go for the **gift card**.

"If you know the person well, and you know they'd love that painting, then go for it, but you could also give them a gift certificate so they can buy something they like," said Pam Tarbell, owner of the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden.

The gift card could also be to a local **art supplies shop** so your friends or family members can buy the tools and supplies they want and need, or an **art supplies subscription** (like the one run and tested by local artists Tony and Kim Luongo, smilecreaterepeat.com) for a regular incoming of quality tools. If you have your heart set on getting something physical, Tarbell suggested something like **utilitarian pottery**, which is beautiful and practical.



Mona Lisa pillowcase, available at the Currier Museum of Art gift shop. Courtesy photo.



The Currier Museum of Art's gift shop is one option for art-inspired holiday shopping. Courtesy photo.

## Buy art-inspired gifts

If you or your loved one is a regular at the Currier Museum of Art, you could check out its museum shop, which right now contains White Mountain-related merchandise to coincide with its current exhibition,

"Mount Washington: The Crown of New England," on view through Jan. 16. There are **catalogues, books, glass quills, art prints** reproduced on magnets, **birch bark jewelry** and a variety of **toys** and knickknacks you won't find anywhere else.

Heidi Norton, manager of guest experiences and retail at the museum, curates the shop to be full of locally-

made work, and she's constantly switching things up to maintain an eclectic selection of metal, glass, fiber, visual and other arts. She pointed to **hand-carved pens** by

Kay and Bill St. Onge and jewelry by Joan Major, who imports her beads from Italy.

There are art-themed **calendars, playing and note cards** and **coloring books** with reproductions of famous works by artists like Maxfield Parrish, Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. For some art-themed dreams, go for the **Mona Lisa pillowcase**, which features her face on the front and the back of her head on the back.

"Lots of people into art found that pretty tongue-in-cheek to give to somebody," Norton said via phone.

If you're heading to the bookstore, Gibson's Bookstore owner Michael Herrmann suggested **The Art Book** by Phaidon Press, an A-to-Z guide to the world's greatest painters and sculptors. Younger artists might enjoy art puzzles and trivia games, like **BrainBox: Art** and the **Professor Noggin's History of Art** card game, said Heather Roy, who works in the Gibson's Bookstore kids' section.

## Buy for theater and film gurus

Local composer and NH Theatre Factor founder Joel Mercier suggested a month's worth of **voice lessons** for the thespians in your life — lessons, he said, present a chance for actors to learn more about their

voices and add new songs to their audition repertoire. Other ideas, courtesy of Mercier, include **erasable highlighters** (which come in handy when you're memorizing lines) or a **portable steam inhaler**, which you can buy at any pharmacy.

"Breathing steam is the best thing you can do for your voice if it's tired during a tech week or a long run of a show," Mercier said in an email.

Herrmann said the bookstore recently got some texts that film fanatics will favor, like **The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop** by Richard M. Isackes and Karen L. Maness, a coffee table book about painted backdrops and scenic artists in featured films, including *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Sound of Music*. For your *Godfather*-obsessed friend or relative, get **The Godfather Notebook**, a never-before-published edition of Francis Ford Coppola's notes and annotations on *The Godfather* novel by Mario Puzo.

## Buy for writers

The easiest gift for a writer is probably a **gift card** to a local bookstore, but if you're looking for something a little more creative and experiential, Rob Greene, chair of the New Hampshire Writers' Project, said to get your loved one a ticket to **Writers' Day 2017**, which happens April 1 and features workshops, presentations and noted authors like Ann Hood and Bill Littlefield (nhwritersproject.org).

For something even more extravagant, you could shoot for the moon with a summer writers' retreat at **Murphy Writing/Stockton University** in Sunapee (murphy-writing.com).

Other ideas courtesy of Greene include a **restored typewriter** from RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth, a subscription to **Journal of the Month** (each month you get a different literary journal in the mail, journalofthemonth.com) or a copy of **The Bestseller Code: Anatomy of the Blockbuster Novel** by Jodie Archer and Matthew Jockers, which was published in September. 🍀

## WHERE TO GO ART SHOPPING

If the mall's not your thing, here are some places you can find locally made art without the crazy parking lots, all which have curated shows or items aimed specifically at December gift-giving.

- **Currier Museum of Art Shop**, 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org, which contains a curated selection of art gifts and items related to the museum's latest show

- **Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden**, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046, themillbrookgallery.com, features "Artful Gift Giving" now through Dec. 24, a curated selection of fine art and crafts

- **Studio 550**, 550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com, which features its 4th Annual Cup Show and Sale and its WCA-NH 6x6 Panel Scholarship Fundraiser

- **The Wild Salamander Arts Center**, 30 Ash St., Hollis, 465-WILD, wildsalamander.com, features "Good Things Come in Small Packages"

- **Intown Manchester's Downtown Holiday Market**, Brady Sullivan Plaza, 1000 Elm St., Manchester, Thursdays, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- **Craftworkers' Guild Holiday Craft Shop**, Oliver Kendall House, Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, facebook.com/CraftworkersGuild, which contains Guild gifts now through Dec. 22

- **The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen** has locations in Concord (36 N. Main St., Concord, 228-8171), Hooksett (I-93 rest area, 210-5181) and Nashua (98 Main St., Nashua, 595-8233)



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One of the pieces that will be part of the show "The Whole Flock" at the Massabesic Audubon Center Gallery. Courtesy image.

• **Bird art:** The Massabesic Audubon Center Gallery, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, hosts a show, "The Whole Flock," Dec. 9 through Jan. 27, featuring bird-themed art including paintings, illustrations and sculptures. All are by local members of The Art Group, who have been meeting monthly for more than 20 years. There's an opening reception Friday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. Thirty percent of the sales will go directly to the Massabesic Audubon Center to support its programs. Call 668-2045 or visit [nhaudubon.org](http://nhaudubon.org).

• **For some wisdom:** The next Wednesday's Wisdom Potluck occurs at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art mansion, 266 N. Main St., Concord, Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The topic is "Mutability: Silk and Anxiety in Renaissance Art and Literature," presented by Anny Jones. The series happens regularly, with the goal of offering a variety of diverse presentations by speakers from Greater Concord. The event is a potluck and BYO (wine, beer or other drinks). Visit [kimballjenkins.com](http://kimballjenkins.com) or [themillbrookgallery.com](http://themillbrookgallery.com).

• **Free admission:** The Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, offers free admission for New Hampshire residents on Free New Hampshire Saturday, which is Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. During their day at the museum, visitors can see the

current featured exhibition, "Mount Washington: The Crown of New England" (which costs an additional \$5), or check out a creative studio workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., which involves designing wooden ornaments in the museum's studio space (free). Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org) or call 669-6144, ext. 108.

• **Open House:** The New Hampshire Institute of Art hosts an open house Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., which centers around the Emma B. French Hall, 148 Concord St., Manchester. The school is made up of 11 buildings in downtown Manchester, and during the tour, visitors can talk with faculty and students and get a feel for life in the city, which currently hosts about 23,000 college students, according to a press release. Visit [nhia.edu](http://nhia.edu) and register via the eventbrite link or email [admissions@nhia.edu](mailto:admissions@nhia.edu).

— Kelly Sennott

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### Art

#### Events

• **FREE NEW HAMPSHIRE SATURDAY** Free general admission at museum before noon. Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-noon. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Visit [currier.org](http://currier.org). Call 669-6144, ext. 108.

• **CREATIVE STUDIO: WOOD ORNAMENTS** Decorate your own wooden ornament in the museum's studio spaces. Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free admission for NH residents.

• **ALZHEIMER'S CAFE** Opportunity for people with Alzheimer's and dementia along with their loved ones and caregivers to enjoy art and good company in a safe space. Wed., Dec. 14, 2-4 p.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free.

• **RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** Russian arts and fine crafts display. Sat., Dec. 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. New England Language Center, 16 Hillside Drive, Rochester. Call 332-2255. Visit [marinaforbes.com](http://marinaforbes.com).

• **FOCUS TOUR: WINTER WONDERLANDS IN THE CURRIER COLLECTION** Tour focuses on majestic images of winter and weather in the Currier collection. Sat., Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free.

#### Openings

• **"BRING IN THE LIGHT"** Temple Gallery, 8 Grove St., Peterborough. On view Dec. 9 through Dec. 31. Reception Fri., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Visit [trumpetgallery.com](http://trumpetgallery.com).

• **"THE WHOLE FLOCK"** Traditional hand-carved birds, con-

temporary paintings, illustrations, sculpture. On view Dec. 9 through Jan. 27. Opening Fri., Dec. 9, 5-8 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center Gallery, 26 Auburn Way, Auburn. Call 668-2045.

• **HAND WEAVER'S OPEN HOUSE** Featuring work by Pat Thalhauser, including weaving and hand-dipped beeswax candles. Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 144 Main St., Franconstown.

• **JOANNE LUSSIER FINE ART & GALLERY OPEN HOUSE** Sat., Dec. 17, Sun., Dec. 18, noon-4 p.m. both days. JoAnne Lussier Fine Art, 40 Merrill Road, Weare. Visit [joannelussier.com](http://joannelussier.com).

### Theater

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• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Hatbox Theatre production. Nov. 25, through Dec. 18. Hatbox Theatre,

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## The nuns are back

Majestic presents *Nuncrackers* this weekend

By Kelly Sennott  
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To date, the Majestic Theatre has produced every *Nunsense* show Dan Goggin ever wrote — which is kind of saying something, since he wrote seven. Artistic Director Rob Dionne thought audiences would be tired of the nuns by now.

“We did a survey last year to our patrons saying, ‘We’re bringing back a Christmas show. What do you want to see?’” Dionne said during rehearsals last week. “The people voted, and they wanted us to do *Nuncrackers* again. ... So we’ve brought the show back, by popular demand.”

The company presents *Nuncrackers* at the Derry Opera House this weekend, starring Dionne as Father Virgil and a cast of Majestic *Nunsense* alumni. Of the cast, only Dionne returns from the 2010 production of *Nuncrackers*.

“This one’s fun because I get to be silly and crazy, and I get to work with really talented people,” Dionne said. “So for me, it’s nice. With everything going on in the world right now, it’s nice to have that outlet, to be able to go out there and just kind of play.”

Goggin wrote the original *Nunsense* in 1985, which became an off-Broadway hit, running for 3,672 performances. It follows five nuns, the Little Sisters of Hoboken, who learn their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, accidentally killed the other 52 residents of the convent with her tainted vichyssoise. To raise money for the funerals, Mother Superior creates a variety show for the nuns to perform in.

*Nuncrackers* is the third in the series, and it presents a behind-the-scenes look at a holiday television special taped by the

### Nuncrackers

**Where:** Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry

**When:** Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for youth

**Contact:** majestictheatre.net, 669-7469



Jocelyn Duford as Sister Hubert, Michele Bossie as Sister Robert Ann and Betty Fortin as Mother Superior. Courtesy photo.

sisters in their convent basement studio, where they’re to perform a rendition of *The Nutcracker*. Sister Mary Leo, who’s always wanted to be a ballerina, choreographs the show — but when she becomes injured, the Rev. Mother and Father Virgil battle it out for the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy, tutus and all.

Regular Majestic audiences will recognize *Nuncrackers* cast members; it’s the seventh time audiences will see Becky Rush as Sister Amnesia (named because she lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head) and the sixth they’ll see Betty Fortin as Mother Superior. Other nun actresses include Michele Bossie as Sister Robert Ann, Jocelyn Duford as Sister Hubert and Anna Proulx as Sister Mary Leo.

Unlike most of the *Nunsense* musicals, *Nuncrackers* features kids — “four of Mount Saint Helen’s most talented students” — played by Theo Boyd, Meghan Dolley, Kelsey Sweet and Gavin Osgood.

Songs include “Twelve Days Prior to Christmas,” “Santa Ain’t Comin’ to Our House,” “We Three Kings of Orient Are Us”

and “It’s Better to Give than to Receive.” One features lines from some of the most famous Christmas carols — except they’ve been altered, thanks to Sister Amnesia’s bad memory.

“I’ve taught them all the wrong words!” Rush said.

*Nuncrackers* requires lots of dancing, which is hard for Rush because, at the time of her interview, she had to rehearse in a cast and wheelchair due to an injury, and Director Carole Neveux adjusted choreography accordingly. The alternative was to miss a Majestic *Nunsense* show; past productions have garnered praise from Goggin himself.

The playwright visited Manchester a few years ago to see the Majestic’s *Nunset Boulevard* and played an advising role in its 2014 take of *Nunsense: The Mega-Musical*. His visit, they said, was nerve-racking but gratifying at the same time.

“He was so complimentary about what we did with his words, his music and his show,” said Keith Belanger, the show’s music director. 🍀

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• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Leddy Center for the Performing Arts production. Dec. 2 through Dec. 11, performances Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Leddy Center for the Performing Arts, 38 C Ladd’s Lane, Epping. \$20. Visit [leddycenter.org](http://leddycenter.org).

• **IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE** Sea-

coast Repertory Theatre production. 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Dec. 2 through Dec. 23. Tickets \$17-\$30. Visit [seacoastrep.org](http://seacoastrep.org).

• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Palace Theatre production. Dec. 2 through Dec. 23. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$25-\$45. Call 668-5588. Visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org).

• **THE SANTALAND DIARIES** Peterborough Players production. Dec.

7 through Dec. 17. Peterborough Players Theatre, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. \$39. Visit [peterboroughplayers.org](http://peterboroughplayers.org). Call 924-9344.

• **ELF: THE MUSICAL, JR.** Peacock Players production. Dec. 9 through Dec. 18. Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua. \$12-\$17.

• **DICKENS’ CHRISTMAS CAROL, A TRAVELING TRAVESTY IN TWO TUMULTUOUS ACTS** Pitts-

field Players production. \$12. Fri., Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Fri., Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The Scenic Theatre, Depot St., Pittsfield. Call 435-8852, visit [pittsfieldplayers.com](http://pittsfieldplayers.com).

• **THE NUTCRACKER** Boire Dance Academy production. Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford. Sat., Dec. 10, at



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Notes from the theater scene

• **Just Act II:** The St. Paul's Ballet Company presents *The Nutcracker: Act II* this weekend in Memorial Hall on the St. Paul's School campus (325 Pleasant St., Concord), with showtimes Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. The production features music by Tchaikovsky, including "Snow," "Arabian," "Waltz of the Flowers" and "Marzipan," plus all members of the school's ballet company. This hour-long abridged version of *The Nutcracker* is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees are welcome to bring toy donations for holiday distribution to local kids through Concord charitable organizations; donated toys should not exceed \$25 in value and should be unwrapped. The school also hosts its Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m., at the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul, which will include carols and congregational hymns. Visit [sps.edu](http://sps.edu).

• **Checking in with theatre KAPOW:** The company presents an open training session Saturday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 83 Hanover St., Manchester, in its third-floor studio. The cost is \$5. Then, it hosts auditions, on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Stockbridge Theatre, 44 N. Main St., Derry, for *Melancholy Play: A Chamber Musical*, which will be performed April 28



Lily Hines in the St. Paul's production *The Nutcracker: Act II*. Courtesy photo.

through May 6. Schedule to audition at [tkapow.com](http://tkapow.com).

• **Liven up your lunch break:** The Concord Community Music School presents the second part of its Bach's Lunch series Thursday, Dec. 8, from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., in the school's Recital Hall, 23 Wall St., Concord, where the soprano trio Trillium, comprising Peggo Horstmann Hodes, Hannah Schramm Murray and Jane Berlin Pauley, will join pianist Calvin Herst for a concert of holiday favorites. Admission is free; call 228-1196 or visit [ccmusicschool.org](http://ccmusicschool.org). The Manchester Community Music School also presents a lunchtime program this week, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 12:10 p.m., at the Grace Episcopal Church, 106 Lowell St., Manchester, featuring pianist and faculty member (and local firefighter) Craig Fahey. It's part of the school's Music's on the Menu free concert series. Audience members can bring their lunch and listen to holiday favorites (Charlie Brown Christmas music, "Carol of the Bells," "My Favorite Things," etc.). Visit [mcmusicschool.org](http://mcmusicschool.org) or call 644-4548.

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6 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20. Visit [boiredanceacademy.com](http://boiredanceacademy.com).

• **THE BODACIOUS BABES & NOT ON THIS NIGHT** Lend Me a Theater double feature production. Kimball-Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St., Concord. Sat., Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m., and at Searles Chapel & School, 3 Chapel Road, Windham, Fri., Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., and Sat., Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$18, or \$15 on Dec. 11. Visit [lendmeatheatheer.org](http://lendmeatheatheer.org).

• **THE NUTCRACKER** Turning Pointe Center of Dance. Sat., Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Tickets \$18. Call 485-8710.

• **CHRISTMAS CABARET** Garrison Players classical holiday music. Fri., Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 10, at 8 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Garrison Players Arts Center, 650 Portland Ave., Rollinsford. Donations. Visit [garrisonplayers.org](http://garrisonplayers.org), call 750-4278.

• **THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** Performance by

100 NH youngsters. Fri., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$17.50. Call 926-8322.

• **28TH ANNUAL LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY** Presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 110 Concord St., Nashua. 20-minute enactment. Sat., Dec. 10, and Sun., Dec. 11, at 6 and 7 p.m. each night. Free.

• **AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS** Tues., Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets \$7. 225-1111. [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com).

• **DISCOVERING MAGIC** Performance by Andrew Pinard. Wed., Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road, Concord. \$16.50. Visit [hatboxnh.com](http://hatboxnh.com). Call 715-2315.

• **NOT ANOTHER CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!** Comedic Christmas play. Sun., Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Road, Hooksett. Call 668-6473. Visit [emmanuelbaptistchurch.com](http://emmanuelbaptistchurch.com).

### Classical Music

#### Events

• **SNHU HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT** Featuring wind ensemble and orchestra. Fri., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 65 W. Sagamore St., Manchester. Free. Visit [snhucalendar.snhu.edu](http://snhucalendar.snhu.edu).

• **SYMPHONY NH** Concerts. Sat., Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St., Nashua. \$10-\$49. Visit [symphonynh.org](http://symphonynh.org). Also Sun., Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord.

• **SAINT ANSELM FACULTY AND STUDENT CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT** Featuring music by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi. Sat., Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm College, Manchester. Free. Email [sparr@anselm.edu](mailto:sparr@anselm.edu).

• **HOLIDAY FOLK CONCERT** Featuring Susie Burke, David Surette with Kent Allyn. Sat., Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord. \$15.

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# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## A simpler holiday season

### Christmas at Canterbury returns to Shaker Village

By Matt Ingersoll  
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If you're looking for a simpler way to celebrate the holidays while still enjoying the season's more modern amenities, immerse yourself in Christmas at Canterbury. The Canterbury Shaker Village event offers a unique look into what celebrating Christmas was like for Shakers in the 19th century, when there was no such thing as Black Friday and the focus was on community.

Traditionally held during the first two Saturdays in December, the first took place Dec. 3 and the second will happen Saturday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 8 p.m.

"The idea was to research all of the things the Shakers did around the holidays," said Funi Burdick, executive director at the Village. "They enjoyed making their own Christmas cards and gifts for others, and it was also a time for them to look at the year as a whole and talk about their friendships and camaraderies. ... So we wanted to do some simple activities while providing opportunities to spend



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time with other people."

Burdick said the idea behind the event was also partially inspired by the scenery of the Village's historic buildings during the winter and by the desire to eliminate the sense of commercialism that is often felt during the holiday season.

"[The first event] came in the winter of 2008. I realized that we

didn't do any sort of holiday or winter programming," she said, "but it was also a time when we were going through a recession, and I feel like people felt a little bit lost within their lives financially and with their jobs. It all just seemed like it became very materialistic. In some ways, the excitement of days like Black Friday can overtake family and friends coming together, so I thought, why not develop a Christmas program that had focused on the ideas of simplicity and family."

New to this year's event will be Santa Claus like you may have never seen him before – dressed up in Victorian-era costume to greet children and tell them stories.

"We've steered away from having Santa in the past, but he will be there this year in the Carriage House, and

I think being in a big space that's welcoming with a persona like Santa will be an opportunity for families, especially with children, to kind of slow down," Burdick said.

Several ongoing activities will be available at the Village for people to enjoy at their leisure, Burdick said, including ornament making, gingerbread cookie decorating and card making. Other activities include caroling in the Village's chapel, with harpist De Luna providing the music.

"We've done caroling in a variety of ways in the past," Burdick said. "We've found that it's a nice way to bring people who want to convene at the end of the program together."

Magician Andrew Pinard will be returning for three magic shows during the event, at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Burdick described Pinard as a "historic role player" during his performances, dressing up as Jonathan Harrington, one of the earliest American magicians.

"He comes dressed as a 19th-century character from the past, he has a certain language that he uses and even his magic tricks come from the 19th century," Burdick said. "He really kind of enlivens his performance more than if he was just going to a modern facility, because he's fitting in a historic chapel ... so you really will be stepping back in time."

For food, enjoy a Christmas buffet dinner at the Shaker Table anytime from 4 to 9 p.m. for \$20 per person and \$10 for children that will include traditional Shaker recipes. The evening's festivities will conclude with the lighting of the Christmas tree at 7:30 p.m. 🍁

### CHRISTMAS AT CANTERBURY

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 10, 3 to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury

**Cost:** \$18 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6 to 17, free for children under 5 (additional costs apply for the Christmas buffet dinner: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children)

**Visit:** shakers.org

### Schedule of events

- Christmas buffet dinner: 4 to 9 p.m.
- Meet with Santa: 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Live music featuring the Sugar River Band: 5 to 7 p.m.
- Magic shows featuring Andrew Pinard: 4, 5 and 6 p.m.
- Live harpist music and caroling featuring De Luna: 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Christmas tree lighting: 7:30 p.m.

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Family fun for the weekend

## World of wizardry

Join any of the four southern New Hampshire Barnes & Noble stores for the **Harry Potter Magical Holiday Ball** on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. The stores in Nashua (235 Daniel Webster Highway), Manchester (1741 S. Willow St.), Salem (125 S. Broadway) and Newton (45 Gosling Road) all invite you to come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character and join other fanatics for dancing, music, holiday-themed activities, giveaways and more. Visit [barne-sandnoble.com](http://barne-sandnoble.com) or call your local store for more details.

## Gingerbread fun

The Amherst Town Library (14 Main St.) will be offering two **graham cracker gingerbread house workshops** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Miss Sarah will lead this parent-and-child workshop. Bring your own bag of candy and your creativity to contribute to the library's potluck decoration supply, and all other materials to make the houses will be provided. Admission is free but registration is required. Visit [amherstlibrary.org](http://amherstlibrary.org) or call 673-2288 for more information.

## Tomie dePaola

Children's author and artist **Tomie dePaola** will appear for a book signing on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 2 p.m., at Der Markt at Marklin (28 Riverside Drive, Con-toocook). A wide selection of his book titles will also be available for purchase during the signing, making for great holiday gift opportunities. Admission is free. Call 746-5442 for more details.

## Gifts of giving

Join the Epsom Fire Station (1714 Dover



Road) as it transforms into a **children's store** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children can buy gifts for their family for Christmas, and the event will also include a bake sale and photo opportunities with Santa Claus. Call 435-8770 for more details.

## Santa in town

The Hollis Social Library will host a **holiday luminary storytime** at the Lawrence Barn Community Center (28 Depot Road, Hollis) on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 4 p.m. Miss Marcia will read holiday stories and there will be crafts right before Santa Claus visits the barn. Admission is free. Visit [hollislibrary.org](http://hollislibrary.org) or call 465-7721 for more details.

## Musical madness

Join the Kimball Library (3 Academy Ave., Atkinson) for its **holiday drop 'n shop** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event begins with a 60-minute Zumba Kids class and will end with opportunities to make your own instruments, as well as playing musical chairs and a musical instrument guessing game. The event is open to all ages, but children under 6 years old must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Visit [kimballlibrary.com](http://kimballlibrary.com) or call 362-5234 for more details.

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IN/OUT THE GARDENING GUY

## Gifts for the gardener

Picks for all price ranges

By Henry Homeyer

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Gardeners are easy to buy gifts for. There are plenty of items that cost from \$5 to \$300, and generally, one size fits all. Let's look at some things I have used and liked.

After giving a talk at the Milford Garden Club recently, I bought some **gardening gloves** that were sold as a fundraiser. These cost me just \$5 and have already earned their keep. They're nitrile gloves made by the Atlas Glove Company. They have a waterproof palm and a stretchy, breathable fabric back. I have big hands, and the x-large was perfect.

I don't generally wear gloves when gardening, as most are too thick — and I like the feel of the soil — but in cold weather I do wear them. These are thin enough that I can go easily in my pants pocket and pull out my pocket knife, or feel a tender weed. The nitrile glove is the Atlas 370B series. I've also used a thicker Atlas glove with a natural rubber palm, the 300 series. These are both available at most gardening centers.

Does your loved one start plants by seed? **Gift cards to garden centers or seed companies** are nice. I get my seeds from several places: the Hudson Valley Seed Library, Johnny's Selected Seeds, High Mowing Seeds, Renees Garden and a young company in New York State, Fruition Seeds. All have wonderful selections.

One of my favorite additions to my garden this year was a **VegTrug** from Gardener's Supply Co. ([gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)). This is a stained cedar planting box on legs, about 6 feet long and 32 inches wide, that retails for \$279, with free shipping. It is V-shaped in cross section with the deepest portion 16 inches deep — deep enough for potatoes or tomatoes. It stands 32 inches tall, so no bending is needed to weed or to pick.

In my VegTrug I grew one patio tomato and pretty much every kind of herb: basil, dill, marjoram, thyme, sage, purple sage, chives, oregano and parsley. I even had a nasturtium cascading over one end.

One reason I loved my VegTrug was the convenience: it allowed me to have herbs in a spot not otherwise suitable for growing. And the plants grew well, although in the heat of the summer they dried out more quickly than my garden near the stream, so I watered pretty much every sunny day. It uses 380 liters of soil mix, so I made my own, a 50-50 mix of peat moss and compost. The bottom is slotted for drainage, but it comes with a woven liner to prevent soil from washing away.

Every gardener needs a good weeding tool, and every year I recommend the **CobraHead Weeder**, because I believe it is the best weed-



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ing tool available. This tool has a single tine that is curved like the shape of a rising Cobra. I use it to tease out grass roots, to get under large weeds (so I can loosen the soil below them and pull from both top and bottom of the weed at the same time), and for preparing soil to plant. Now it seems a part of my right hand (though it is right-left neutral). At under \$25 locally or from the manufacturer (a family business found at [CobraHead.com](http://CobraHead.com)), this tool is tough, strong, and made in the USA.

Every year I try to learn more about growing healthy plants. This year I paid \$50 to join the **Bionutrient Food Association** ([bionutrient.org](http://bionutrient.org)), and would like to suggest giving a membership as a nice present. One of the goals of the nonprofit is to educate members about how to grow food that is nutrient-rich.

Much commercial agriculture depends on adding just three minerals to the soil (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) and basically ignoring the other nutrients that plants need to be healthy. Growing vegetables year after year removes micronutrients from the soil that need to be replaced. The BFA offers information and workshops that I believe will help me to grow better food and stay healthy.

Weeds are the bane of many gardeners. One way to minimize their presence is to weed daily, mulch, or to put down weed mats. A Vermont company, **Garden Mats** ([gardenmats.com](http://gardenmats.com)), produces heavy-duty woven mats with pre-cut holes in a variety of patterns for different vegetables. I've used them — and re-used them. They keep down weeds, hold in some moisture, but also breathe and let rain penetrate. They are 4 feet wide and come in lengths of 6, 12 and 18 feet for a cost of \$11 to \$31. They are definitely a labor-saver, and they claim the mats increase yields 10 to 20 percent, too. I like them, and also the fact that it is a small, family-owned business.

The last item for this year's list is a pair of **stainless-steel garden shears** for cutting flowers and herbs, and for use in the kitchen. Made in England, these shears are elegant as well as sturdy, and are said to be designed for small hands. Sold by Gardeners Supply, they retail for \$60 and come in a nice gift box.

Read Henry's blog at <https://dailyuv.com/gardeningguy>.



Dear Donna,

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Doug

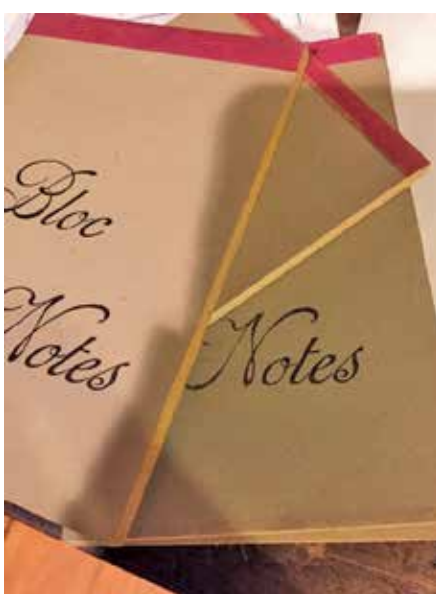
Dear Doug,

I believe that everything has a value — even if it's not much. But remember one man's junk is another man's treasure.

I'm not sure where they came from either but they look sweet and in good condition as well. If you have any info like manufacturer's name, markings, etc., that might help, but if they have no markings they could be from anywhere and from any time; my guess would be in the 1940s-ish just by looking at your photos.

I wish you knew more so I could help more but let's just take them for what they are and how many you have. My appraisal would be in the \$10 range for each pad. They would make a great accent to any desk area in a home. So you could figure out how many you have and what the total would be as a group.

I think they are sweet.



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• **3RD ANNUAL CRAFT CLUB HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Come experience a taste of the library's craft club. Drop in at any time starting at 6 p.m. for an evening of holiday adult coloring, homemade ornaments and more. Examples of 2016 crafts will be on display. Come meet some new friends, and enjoy a fun evening away from the holiday rush. No crafting experience necessary. Lights refreshments will be provided. Thurs., Dec. 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nesmith Library, 8 Fellows Road, Windham. Free. Visit nesmithlibrary.org or call 432-7154.

#### Health & Wellness Events

• **OPEN HOUSE AT ENDOWMENT FOR HEALTH** Drop by the office anytime between 3 and 6 p.m. for light refreshments and great conversation. Wed., Dec. 14, 3 to 6 p.m. Endowment for Health Office, 1 Pillsbury St., Concord. Free. Visit endowmentforhealth.org or call 228-2448 x311.

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• **FREE NARCAN TRAINING SESSION** This training session will include information on local substance misuse resources, the importance

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#### Marketing & Business

• **INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON TRUSTS** Hosted by Crotched Mountain Foundation's newly formed professional advisory council, the session will feature trust professionals Michelle Arruda of Devine, Millimet & Branch, P.A., and Joyce Hillis of Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A., who will explain trusts and how trusts can help individuals achieve a variety of estate and tax planning goals. Mon., Dec. 12, noon. ATECH Services, 57 Regional Drive, Concord. Free. Call 644-3200.

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### Don't miss this year's Auburn Village School PTA Holiday Fair

at the Auburn Village School's Gymnasium (11 Eaton Hill Road, Auburn) on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature more than 30 vendors offering jewelry, baked goods, decorations and other crafts, as well as a holiday fair raffle, and a "Sweet Stroll," in which kids will have a chance to win a bakery item to take home. Admission is free but tickets are required for kids' crafts, games, raffles and the Sweet Stroll. Tickets are \$1 a piece or \$10 for 12. Visit [avsholidayfair.com](http://avsholidayfair.com) or call 483-2769.

Dozens of crafters selling locally made products of all kinds will be at the **Bishop Brady High School Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school (25 Columbus Ave., Concord). Visit [bishopbrady.edu](http://bishopbrady.edu) or call 224-7418.

Join NH Audubon for its annual **Holiday Open House, Craft Fair and Book Sale** at the McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord) on Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several local artists will be selling handmade crafts. Come to the book sale early for the best selections. Visit [nhaudubon.org](http://nhaudubon.org) or call 224-9909.

Join Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center (1 Verney Drive, Greenfield) for its annual **Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Expo** on Friday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature craft items, baked goods and more for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Center's residents. Visit [crotchedmountain.org](http://crotchedmountain.org).

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You'd like to buy a house, but how can you finance it? Attend this workshop to learn how to check your credit scores, prequalify for a mortgage, and close your loan. Thurs., Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Visit [nashualibrary.org](http://nashualibrary.org) or call 589-4600.

### Miscellaneous Holiday events

#### • LIGHTS ON THE HILL

Walk the village campus of Candia's historic 19th century buildings lined with hundreds of luminaries or ride the shuttle bus around to each site. Toast a marshmallow or warm your hands at the glowing campfire. Enjoy a light supper and top it off with a homemade dessert. Sat., Dec. 10, 1 to 8 p.m. High Street and South Road, Candia. Free. Visit [facebook.com/lightson-thehillNH](http://facebook.com/lightson-thehillNH) or call 483-0506.

#### • QUEEN CITY BALLROOM HOLIDAY DANCE PARTY

Featuring door prizes, a cash bar, dance hosts, mixers, a DJ and more. Sun., Dec. 11, 1 to 5 p.m. The Radisson Hotel Armory Room, 700 Elm St., Manchester. \$26 per person from Oct. 2 through

Dec. 10; \$30 per person at the door. Call 622-1500.

#### • SANTA IN THE PARK

Santa will have a limited number of presents to hand out. The gazebo will be transformed into Santa's Nashua Workshop. Sun., Dec. 11, noon to 2 p.m. Greeley Park Gazebo, 100 Concord St., Nashua. Free. Visit [nashuanh.gov](http://nashuanh.gov) or call 594-3465.

### Expos

#### • BIPBOPPITY FASHION EXPO

The expo will include a number of vendors like LuLaRoe, Avon, Yunique and more. Enjoy refreshments and live music. Sun., Dec. 11, noon. Laconia High School, 345 Union Ave. \$5 (includes raffle ticket). Visit [bipboppity.org](http://bipboppity.org) or call 630-8510.

### Religion-related events

#### • 28TH ANNUAL LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY

Spectators invited and may gather inside the chapel after to warm up with homemade cookies, cocoa and holiday music. Sat., Dec. 10, and Sun., Dec. 11, 6 and 7 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 110 Concord St., Nashua. Free. Call 213-6143.

### • BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

For folks whose Christmas will be difficult, either because of a loss or broken relationship or painful memories of Christmases past. Will feature music, scripture, silent reflection and prayer. Light refreshments. Wed., Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South St., Bow. Free. Visit [bowmillsumc.org](http://bowmillsumc.org) or call 224-0884.

### Fundraisers

#### • GREATER HUDSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AUCTION AND DINNER FOR CHARITY

Thurs., Dec. 8, 6 p.m. White Birch Banquet Hall, 222 Central St., Hudson. \$25 per person (includes a buffet dinner). Call 889-4731 or visit [hudsonchamber.com](http://hudsonchamber.com).

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# Festive fun for everyone

## Amherst Tree Lighting Festival returns

By Matt Ingersoll  
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Community-oriented holiday fun is the theme at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Amherst Tree Lighting Festival, where dozens of local groups will provide festivities for a weekend of food, live music, crafts, family activities and, of course, to kick it all off, the tree lighting ceremony.

This year's festival will be held Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11, starting with the tree lighting and continuing throughout the weekend with events like a breakfast and photo opportunities with Santa Claus, gingerbread house workshops and craft and bake sales.

"It's a nice community event in the sense that you can see all of the different local groups that have activities going on, and people can pick and choose which ones they would like to attend," said Michelle Arbogast, organizer of the tree lighting ceremony that kicks off the festival.

Arbogast said this year's lighting will feature a new tree and the ceremony will include live music from local community members. Kim Whitehead of the Souhegan Valley Chorus will serve as the ceremony's emcee.

"We'll have Souhegan High School a capella singers do songs, and the local Cub Scout packs will sing 'Jingle Bells,'" Arbogast said, "and we'll have readings about Hanukkah as well."

The Amherst Garden Club will also be presenting its Memory Tree during the ceremony, which is a fundraising activity that began in 1995. Participants pay the club a small fee to display the name of a loved one they have lost to display on the tree. The funds raised benefit the club's general fund.

When the tree is ready to be lit, Santa Claus will lead the countdown, with the help from the Amherst police and fire departments to turn on the lights.

But the fun only begins there, Arbogast said, because several smaller events during the festival will be held across various locations in Amherst.

Immediately following the tree lighting ceremony will be a spaghetti supper at the Congregational Church of Amherst, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., hosted by the Amherst Lions Club. Donations will be accepted but no reservations are necessary.

Kicking off at the church on Saturday will be a breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets can be purchased on the church's website for \$7 per person and free for children ages 12 months and under.

The Amherst Town Library will be holding two gingerbread house workshops at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m. using graham crackers. Bring your own bag of candy to a potluck supply as

the library provides all the rest of the fixings.

The Amherst Fire Station will host events of its own later in the day on Saturday. Join the Girl Scouts of Amherst and Mont Vernon for a craft and bake sale from 2 to 5 p.m., and take your picture with Santa Claus as he arrives at the station by fire truck at 3 p.m. Antique fire truck rides are also being planned at the station, weather permitting.

The Dance Company dance team will host a "parents night off" event at its Amherst Studio from 5 to 8 p.m. This event will include fun games, a screening of *The Polar Express*, popcorn, hot cocoa and more. The cost is \$25 per person and an additional \$20 per sibling.

Mrs. Claus will join the Amherst Fire Department for a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday. Other activities happening Sunday include a wreath decorating workshop at the Amherst Garden Center at 11 a.m., and a wine cellar open house at LaBelle Winery from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Warm up at the Congregational Church of Amherst as the Amherst Town Band will play free live music beginning at 1 p.m., followed by the church choir at 3 p.m. The Souhegan Valley Chorus will also hold its Sounds of the Season concert at 6 p.m. at the high school to wrap up the evening and the festival. 🍷

### Amherst Tree Lighting Festival

**When:** Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11

**Where:** Various locations across Amherst

**Cost:** Admission is free to most activities, but some may require a small fee

**Visit:** [amhersttreelightingfestival.weebly.com](http://amhersttreelightingfestival.weebly.com)

### Schedule of events

- Tree Lighting ceremony: Friday, Dec. 9, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

- Amherst Lions Club spaghetti supper: Friday, Dec. 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 to 11 a.m.

- Gingerbread house workshops: Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- Girl Scouts craft and bake sale: Saturday, Dec. 10, 2 to 5 p.m.

- Pictures with Santa: Saturday, Dec. 10, 3 to 5 p.m.

- Parents Night Off at The Dance Company's studio: Saturday, Dec. 10, 5 to 8 p.m.

- Pancake breakfast with Mrs. Claus: Sunday, Dec. 11, 8 to 11 a.m.

- Wreath decorating workshop: Sunday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m.

- LaBelle Winery's wine cellar open house: Sunday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Live music at the Congregational Church of Amherst: Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 and 3 p.m.
- Souhegan Valley Chorus "Sounds of the Season" concert: Sunday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.

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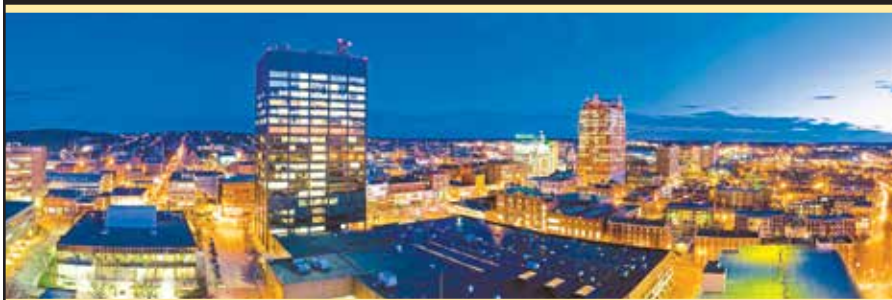
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# Temperature-sending unit likely culprit in false overheating readings



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:*  
I have a 2005 Buick LeSabre. The only thing I've had to repair so far are the rear shocks. But one morning I started the car, and the needle on the temperature gauge was a bit past the center, which isn't normal. I took the car to a mechanic, and he said the problem might be something in the radiator, so he backflushed the system. This made the needle on the temperature gauge register a bit below the center of the gauge. After six days, the needle went past the center of the gauge again. I took it to another shop, and they checked the temperature, which was between 180 and 190. They replaced the thermostat. All was well for 10 days, but then the temperature gauge went into the red, "overheating" zone, which it had never done before. I was told that the 2005 Buick LeSabres were having trouble with the temperature gauge: The gauge shows that the car is overheating, but it's actually not. Can you figure out the problem? My wife is afraid to ride in the car. — Thomas

The first question to answer is, Is the car actually overheating, or does the gauge just say it's overheating?

When you went to one of the mechanics, he measured the temperature, presumably with his own gauge, and got a reading of 180-190 F. That's perfect.

Since the gauge went into the red zone after that, I would do that test again. We have a pyrometer at the shop, which is an infrared temperature gauge that we can point at any of the coolant hoses. It'll tell us the temperature of the coolant, independent of what your gauge is saying.

If the engine actually is overheating, then you've got a serious problem. It could be anything from a bad water pump or a leaky head gasket to a cracked cylinder head. Let's hope the coolant reads 190 again, which means the engine is just fine.

If the engine is running at its proper temperature, then the problem is in the system that monitors and reports the temperature. It could be a bad gauge, as you suggest. But before you rip out the dashboard and pay for a new gauge or instrument cluster, I start by replacing the temperature sending unit (TSU).

The TSU reads the coolant tempera-

ture in the engine and sends that info to the gauge. The TSU is a \$40-\$50 part, and no big deal to install. If that fixes it, you're all done and your wife will ride with you to the rock-climbing gym again. If a new temperature sending unit doesn't fix it, then go ahead and replace the gauge.

But if you've been kind to strangers and flossed regularly, all you'll need is a temperature-sending unit, Thomas. Good luck.

*Dear Car Talk:*

*The battery in one of my vehicles is nearing the end of its life. What is the best way to preserve the electronic presets (radio, lights settings, etc.) when the battery is disconnected during replacement? — Tim*

Take it to a shop that has the same little device we have, Tim. We have a small power pack that plugs into the car's data port, and when the ignition is off, it trickles a small amount of power to the car's computer.

That way, while the battery is removed, you keep your radio presets, your clock and any other memorized customized seating, door-lock or lighting preferenc-

es that your car allows you to set these days. Your computer also will retain the car's performance parameters.

Lots of cars these days "learn" your driving style and set things like transmission-shift points based on that. The computer also stores sensor and emissions data that you'll need when you get your car inspected.

Granted, it doesn't take more than a day or two to re-acquire that information, but it's one more benefit of maintaining minimal power during a battery change.

Most shops will have one of these devices. And if you want to, you even can buy one yourself. I've seen a "home" version for about \$20 that runs on a 9-volt battery and plugs into the car's cigarette lighter. Then you can be known throughout the neighborhood as the guy who saves radio presets.

I will warn you that it works about 95 percent of the time. For some reason, it fails occasionally, and then we have to set all of the customer's presets to NPR and convince him that that's all he's ever listened to. So we hope it works for you, Tim.

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# ON THE JOB

## LORRAINE FALCONE

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER

Lorraine Falcone of Hudson is a certified professional organizer and the founder of Naturally Organized, which specializes in personal home organization.

**Q:** Explain what your current job is.

I help clients eliminate clutter in their homes by developing systems to handle and manage their own belongings. ... I can help them become aware of their patterns and their habits and to make their living space more efficient. ... Each session that I do [with a client] is usually three hours in length, and the frequency of the appointments is up to them. ... The whole reason to be organized is so that you know exactly what you own, and so I help them find out and eliminate what they don't need and replace them with things that they do need.

**How long have you been in your career?**

I started [the business] in 2004, so it will be 13 years next May.

**How did you get interested in this field?**

I love working with people and being an organized person has always felt natural to me, but when I learned about NAPO [National Association of Professional Organizers], I discovered that there's a whole industry around helping people that aren't organized.

**What kind of education or training did you need for this job?**

I have a degree in business management from Southern New Hampshire University,

and I spent 15 years as recruiter and a human resources specialist, so that prepared me because of my experience in organizing events and keeping managers organized. ... NAPO was also key in providing education for me. They have online classes and annual conferences, and being certified by NAPO requires that I continue to be educated. I need so many continuing education credits every few years to be re-certified. You have to have 1,500 hours within a three-year period of working with clients to even sit to take the exam, and so assuming you pass, you have to continue to recertify every three years.

**How did you find your current job?**

My children were young at the time I started the business, so I thought working for myself and the convenience of working from home would be nice.

**What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?**

Don't try to be everything to everybody. ... There are going to be clients that I am not the best organizer for. You need to assess clients' needs and how they work with your own personality, and so it's OK to pass them



Courtesy photo.

on to someone else who would be better suited to help them.

**What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?**

I do wish I had more experience in the marketing and business side of things, and that I had taken more courses [at SNHU] related to marketing and entrepreneurship.

**What is your typical at-work uniform?**

The first time I visit a home I'll usually wear dress slacks and a blouse, and if I already know the condition of the home, the next time I will dress in jeans or sneakers. ... Some of the rooms of the home can get dusty, so I have to be prepared to get dirty.

**What was the first job you ever had?**

My first job was in retailing as a cashier, and then I went into retail management from there. — Matt Ingersoll

#### WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU'RE REALLY INTO RIGHT NOW?

I really like to garden. ... I do perennial flowers mostly and I really enjoy that, though I'll have to live with indoor plants until spring.

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News from the local food scene

By Angie Sykeny  
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• **N’awlins move:** After three years in Manchester, Cajun restaurant N’awlins Grille has permanently closed its doors at 860 Elm St., and plans to reopen in downtown Nashua, as announced on its Facebook page. Existing gift certificates will be honored at the new location when it opens. Watch [facebook.com/nawlinsgrille](https://facebook.com/nawlinsgrille) for updates on the move and an opening date.

• **Cookie craze:** Get your fill of all kinds of cookies at the 12th annual Currier & Ives Cookie Tour on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop at 19 different shops in Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey, Rindge, Troy, Dublin, Peterborough and West Swanzey, where there will be homemade treats, refreshments and a recipe for participants. The self-guided tour can begin at any stop, with your ticket as the map. Make sure to bring a cookie tin to store your sweets from each location. Tickets cost \$12 and can be purchased at The Inn at East Hill Farm, The Little River Bed and Breakfast, The Monadnock Inn, The Woodbound Inn and Swanzey Historical Society. Visit [currierandivescookie.com](https://currierandivescookie.com).

• **New brew pub:** Bad Lab Beer Co. (460 High St., Somersworth, 842-5822, [badlabbeer.com](https://badlabbeer.com)) has announced an extension of its brewery and tasting room into a brew pub, projected to launch next winter. The brew pub will be a family-friendly community space where guests can interact with the bar and kitchen. The farm-centric menu will feature burgers made from local dairy cows that the farms would typically consider unusable after the cows have produced milk. “Beef cattle can be a higher-fat product, but if we use dairy cows we have a pasture-raised cow for its entire life. It will taste different, but for layers of reasons,” the brew pub’s chef, Evan Hennessey, said in a press release. “We’re jumping into the food chain from a different angle to create a unique product and experience.”

• **Tasty holiday tips:** Learn some recipes and kitchen tips for your holiday meals at Chez Boucher Cooking School’s (32 Depot Square, Hampton) “Holi-

# FOOD

## Gifts with taste

Your guide to foodie holiday gifts

By Angie Sykeny  
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Get the foodie, wine lover or beer enthusiast in your life something memorable this year. From unique gifts like monthly box subscriptions and custom labelled wines to hands-on experiences like cooking classes and brew-your-own sessions, there’s something for every taste.

### The gift that keeps on giving

Give something that goes beyond Christmas Day with a subscription like **Spiced Up** ([spicedup.rocks](https://spicedup.rocks)), which will deliver a box of four hand-selected spices from around the world to the recipient’s door every month. Each box contains one full-size featured spice and three smaller sampler spices along with facts about their origin and history, suggestions for how to use them and a kitchen-tested recipe.

“It’s a great gift for the seasoned chef,” said owner Helen Ryba, “but I also think it’d be really cool for a young couple or single person who wants to experiment a little bit with cooking and delve into different recipes.”

You can gift a three-month, six-month or 12-month subscription; the six-month comes with a free ceramic pinch bowl, bejeweled salt spoon and an ounce of Himalayan Pink, and the 12-month comes with a free hand-crafted test tube spice rack filled with 12 additional Spiced Up spices. If you’d like to add a little something extra, Spiced Up has other products to accompany the subscription that you can buy separately, including individual spices and sugars, rubs and kitchen accessories like a teak wood measuring spoon set and a mini mortar and pestle.

Other locally based subscriptions that you can gift include **Local Basket** ([localbasket.com](https://localbasket.com), 270-9220), which delivers healthy meal kits with fresh, pre-measured ingredients from local farms, and **All Real Meal** ([allrealmeal.com](https://allrealmeal.com), 661-2833), which delivers gluten-free, paleo and vegan meals and offers additional gifting options like gift coolers filled with meals and desserts and gift baskets with dry goods and snacks.

“I think it’s a unique kind of gift,” Ryba said. “It’s something they can look forward to. They’ll continue to get something after Christmas is over and will be reminded of the great gift you gave them.”

### The gift of knowledge

If you’re buying for an aspiring chef, try a gift certificate for a **local cooking class**. The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Suite 105, Derry, [culinary-playground.com](https://culinary-playground.com), 339-



Cooking class at The Culinary Playground in Derry. Courtesy photo.

1664) offers a variety of classes for kids and adults.

“It’s great exposure for kids who’ve shown an interest in cooking or baking and for any person who loves to cook or wants more cooking experience,” owner Kristen Chinosi said.

Kids ages 3 through 6 can learn to make things like mini chicken pot pies, cookie pops and Irish soda bread while kids ages 6 through 11 and teens can make snowman sugar cookies, red velvet cupcakes and other sweet treats.

For adults, Chinosi said the new vegetarian cooking class series has been very popular. Participants can learn to make three-course meals with dishes like maple balsamic Brussels sprouts, creamy vegan macaroni and cheese and spice-poached pears.

Give your foodie friend, family member or significant other an experience they can enjoy with you: a couples’ cooking class. The three-hour BYOB workshops invite couples to cook, taste and take home their own three-course meals. Upcoming themes include Indian, steakhouse and game day cuisines.

“A lot of people will buy those as a date night for their spouse, or kids will give it as a gift to their parents,” Chinosi said.

You have the option to give a specific class or a gift certificate that the recipient can use for the class of their choice. The certificates can be sent via email and printed, or for more festive packaging you can have it gift-wrapped in a mini pizza box with your choice of a chef’s hat or apron.

More local culinary classes and other hands-on experiences like **private classes**, **date nights** and **in-home cooking parties** are offered at Calcutta Curry (35 Manchester Road, Unit 9, Derry, [calcuttacurry.com](https://calcuttacurry.com),

232-6498), Chez Boucher Cooking School (32 Depot Square, Hampton, 926-2202, [chezboucher.com](https://chezboucher.com)), Colby Hill Inn (33 The Oaks, Henniker, 428-3281, [colbyhillinn.com](https://colbyhillinn.com)) and The Creative Feast (5 Broad St., Hollis, 321-5011, [thecreativefeast.com](https://thecreativefeast.com)).

“I think [a cooking class] is relevant. People are trying to eat healthier and have more control over what they put in their bodies,” Chinosi said. “It’s a lifelong skill. You have to eat your whole life so you might as well learn to cook.”

### For the wine lover...

Instead of a regular bottle of wine, go with something more personal like **custom-labeled bottles**.

Aside from the formatting guidelines, anything goes at IncrediBREW (112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, [incredibrew.com](https://incredibrew.com)); recipients create their own solid ink high resolution labels with photos, graphics and text of their choosing.

“You could design your own graphic. You could make it a picture of your family and have it say ‘Hand-crafted by the Smith Family,’ or something like that. It can be whatever you want,” IncrediBREW owner Erik Crosswell said. “It’s a super unique gift for this year.”

The minimum order is a case of 12 bottles, and recipients can mix and match with the varieties they want. Choices include pomegranate zinfandel, white cranberry pinot grigio, green apple riesling, super Tuscan and German riesling.

If you don’t want to order a whole case, Flag Hill Distillery & Winery (297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, [flaghill.com](https://flaghill.com)) offers custom labels for cases as well as single bottles, with 13 varieties of red, white, fruit and sparkling wines to choose from. You can keep the Flag Hill logo or choose one of their template pictures and just add custom text, or you can get fully customized labels with your own picture and text.

### ...or the DIY brewer

Give the beer enthusiast in your life a chance to live the dream with a **home brewing starter kit**, which you can pick up at a home brew shop. If you’re buying for someone who is already a hobbyist and has the basic equipment, there are plenty of accessories and recipe kits that would make great gifts for them, too. Local shops include Kettle To Keg (123 Main St., Pembroke, 485-2054, [kettletokeg.com](https://kettletokeg.com)), Border Brew Supply (224 N. Broadway, Salem, 216-9134, [borderbrewsupply.com](https://borderbrewsupply.com)), Jasper’s Homebrew & Winemaking (522 Amherst St., Unit 17,



Nashua, 881-3052, boomchugalug.com) and Nepenthe Ale House (840 Candia Road, Manchester, 935-8123, nepentheales.com).

For a gift with less commitment, consider a **brew-your-own experience** at IncredibREW, where participants can receive hands-on instruction to brew, bottle and add custom labels to their own batch of beer.

"The gift of an experience is becoming very popular," Crosswell said. "We've definitely seen more people asking about it as a gift. ... It's an awesome thing for a craft beer

lover who is interested in crafting their own or just understanding what goes into making beer."

The recipient can brew in a private session or participate in one of the themed split-a-batch brewing events. Winemaking and old fashioned soda-making experiences are also available.

You can either print out the gift certificate or stop by the facility and have it packaged as a gift in a beer or wine bottle with a customized label. 🍷

# Ready for flight

New craft beer cafe offers full range of NH brews

By Angie Sykeny  
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Craft brew lovers will soon have a one-stop destination to taste and buy beer produced by dozens of different breweries across New Hampshire. A new craft beer cafe called The Flight Center is set for a soft opening next week in downtown Nashua and will feature 48 taps of locally crafted brews, an accompanying bottle shop and more.

The cafe was created by Seth Simonian, founder of the New Hampshire-based craft beer marketing agency Hop Head United; through his extensive work with local breweries over the last couple years, he realized that there was a critical need for a place like The Flight Center.

"The industry's supply and demand is extremely high, but there isn't the infrastructure to support it," he said. "The average bar ... holds maybe one [tap] for a self-distributing craft brewer, and there are 60 New Hampshire breweries fighting for that tap. They don't have the support they need to be successful, and that's what we're trying to provide — an establishment that supports the brewers and gives their customers a unique environment to experience their craft beer."

Simonian likens The Flight Center to a "Starbucks for craft beer" where people who don't like the bar scene can enjoy drinking in a more open, lounge-style atmosphere. The taps will rotate constantly to feature beers that will be new to most visitors, including a variety of core beers and one-off, limited and seasonal brews. The relationships Simonian has formed with New Hampshire breweries through Hop Head United have also inspired many brewers from remote regions to bring their products to Nashua even though they don't typically distribute that far from their locations.

"When you look into that innovative world, few people realize these breweries are producing some phenomenal beers that generally don't make it out of their tasting room," he said. "The craft beer experience is about having the chance to experience everything. There's such a diverse array of beer out there, and I think it's important to drive that."

One of the main things that distinguishes The Flight Center is its onsite retail shop where bottles or cans of most of the beers featured on tap are available for purchase. Unlike a bar, it provides visitors with an interactive experience in which they can taste new beers with the objective of finding one or more that they like enough to take home.

After its official opening, the cafe will launch a calendar full of special events like tastings and promotions with various brewers, cult movie nights and more. A Brewer of the Month program will bring month-long promotions with four of the featured brewers' beers on tap and a four-course beer pairing dinner with those beers.

The Flight Center will also have a food menu with light lunch items including soups, salads and sandwiches, a few dinner entrees and a selection of small plates like bacon-wrapped scallops and homemade pretzels. Its specialty, however, will be a diverse dessert menu with beer-inspired items such as stout ice cream and a beer-based molten lava cake.

"We're not trying to compete with the dinner business," Simonian said. "What we're aiming to do is provide high-quality, non-traditional pub fare and food that ties directly to the beer."

While the cafe's focus is on craft beer, it will offer a few locally crafted wines, meads and ciders as well as six taps with cold brew coffees.

"We support craft beverages as a whole, and like craft beer, there's some amazing wines, meads and ciders that don't make it into the restaurants," Simonian said. "And there's people who like craft beverages but aren't a fan of beer, so we want to have offerings that can meet the needs of everyone." 🍷

## The Flight Center

The Flight Center is a family-friendly craft beer cafe located in the former Cooking Matters storefront at 97 Main St. in Nashua. A soft opening is anticipated for the weekend of Dec. 17, with an official opening the following week. Check facebook.com/TheFlightCenter for updates about the opening, or visit the official website at flightcenterbc.com.

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# IN THE KITCHEN WITH STEPHEN GOODWIN



Generals Sports Bar & Grille (840 S. Stark Hwy., Weare, 529-3663, [generalsbargrill.com](http://generalsbargrill.com)) Head Chef Stephen Goodwin is no stranger to the New Hampshire restaurant scene. He studied culinary arts at New Hampshire College (now Southern New Hampshire University) and has worked everywhere from a hot dog shack and Hooters to fine dining establishments like the Bedford Village Inn and the now-closed C.R. Sparks Restaurant. The owner of Generals, who had been Goodwin's employer at a previous restaurant, reached out to Goodwin to see if he'd help out part time during the early months after its opening. Goodwin agreed, and the part-time position eventually became a full-time position as head chef.



## What is your must-have kitchen item?

The Robot-Coupe food processor. That's definitely a necessity. I believe we use that almost every single day in this kitchen because we make a lot of things fresh.

## What is your favorite dish on your menu?

My favorite thing on the menu we have right now is our maple birdy burger, which is an 8-ounce black Angus beef patty, char-broiled, topped with fresh apple smoked bacon, a fried egg, house-made maple chipotle barbecue sauce and cheddar cheese to tie it all together.

## What would you choose for your last meal?

A nice 24-ounce cut of prime rib, medium rare, with fresh au jus mashed potatoes and garlic and a fresh broccolini. My ultimate favorite meal in the world is prime rib.

## What is your favorite local restaurant?

My wife was also a culinary arts student, so we do a lot of cooking at home, but when

we do eat out, it's usually at Dimitri's Pizzeria here in Weare.

## What celebrity would you like to see eating at your restaurant?

I would absolutely love if Robert Irvine could pop in and give me some pointers on how I'm doing, or even just to come in and have one of my burgers. ... I think sitting down and having a chat with him would be awesome.

## What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?

Cupcakes. Cupcakes are a huge trend right now. Everywhere I go, I see new shops popping up doing all different kinds of cupcakes. It's turning into a cupcake world!

## What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

I love me some chicken Parmesan. Pan-fried chicken, fresh provolone and a nice linguini with fresh grated Parmesan. I also like to make a garlic toast to go with it.

— Angie Sykeny 🍷

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From the kitchen of Stephen Goodwin

- 1 whole chicken roaster (approximately 4 pounds)
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- 8 ounces house Buffalo sauce
- 8 ounces cream cheese

- 3 cups heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook and shred chicken.  
Add all ingredients to large sauce pot.  
Heat slowly to combine all ingredients to desired consistency.  
To serve, place dip in an oven-safe dish and bake at 375 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.  
Serve with tortilla chips.

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• **HENNIKER BREWING WING NIGHT** Pairing with five Heniker Brewing Company beers. Thurs., Dec. 15, 6 to 8 p.m. River Road Tavern , 193 S. River Road, Bedford. Visit [henikerbrewing.com](http://henikerbrewing.com).

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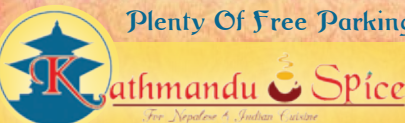
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## Weekly Dish

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**day Hits" workshop** on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. The menu includes maple roasted squash, crispy Brussels sprouts, creme fraiche mash potatoes, prosciutto-wrapped asparagus, glazed ham, various deviled eggs and mushroom orzo. The cost is \$99. Call 926-2202 or visit [chez-boucher.com](http://chez-boucher.com). Join The Wine'ing Butcher at any of its four locations (254 Wallace Road, Bedford; 16 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke; 28 Weirs Road, Gilford; 81 Route 25, Meredith) for a **Holiday Wine and Foods Tasting and Open House** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from noon to 4 p.m. Learn the secret to a perfect holiday meal as you enjoy gourmet samples, giveaways, demonstrations and more. Visit [wineingbutchernh.com](http://wineingbutchernh.com). There's an "Elegant and Easy Holiday Entertaining" **gluten-free cooking demonstration**

taught by Chef Oonagh Williams, featured chef on WMUR's Cook's Corner segment, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the function hall in Wasserman Park (116 Naticook Road, Merrimack). The menu includes shrimp and roasted red pepper dip, sweet spicy salmon on apple slices, chicken sate and no-bake white chocolate raspberry cheesecake. The cost is \$45 for Merrimack residents, \$50 for non-residents. Call 882-1046 or visit [merrimackparksandrec.org/adult.html](http://merrimackparksandrec.org/adult.html). The Concord Food Co-op (24 S. Main St., Concord) will host the **Snowflake Social** on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. Get inspiration for snacks and treats to serve at your holiday parties as you enjoy free seasonal food and drink samples throughout the store. Call 225-6840 or visit [concordfoodcoop.coop](http://concordfoodcoop.coop).

pany beers. Fri., Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Speaker's Corner, 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua. \$65. Visit [rockinghambrewing.com](http://rockinghambrewing.com).

## Beer, wine & liquor festivals & special events

• **"THE ROAST" LAUNCH** Beer of the month launch featuring Henniker Brewing Company's winter seasonal coffee stout, The Roast. Thurs., Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Thirsty Moose Tap-house, 795 Elm St., Manchester. Visit [hennikerbrewing.com](http://hennikerbrewing.com).

• **HOLIDAY BEER SPLIT-A-BATCH** Brew your own seasonal holiday beer including the traditional hearty amber Pilgrim's Christmas Ale and the new Hoppy Holiday, a full-bodied red IPA. Participants will return two weeks later for bottling. Thurs., Dec. 8, 6 p.m. IncrediBREW, 112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua. \$30. Call 891-2477 or visit [incredi-brew.com](http://incredi-brew.com).

• **SANTACON MANCHESTER BAR CRAWL** Downtown holiday pub crawl invites people to dress up as Santa, elves, reindeer or other festive costumes and spend an afternoon visiting nightlife hotspots including Pint Public House, The Dugout, Strange Brew Tavern, The Thirsty Moose, Central Ale House and Manchvegas Bar & Grille. Food and drink specials will be offer at all participating bars for crawlers in costume. Pre-party begins at 4 p.m. at The Shaskeen Pub. Sat., Dec. 10, 4 to 11 p.m. Downtown, Manchester. Free registration. See "Santacon Manchester NH" on Facebook.

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• **HOLIDAY WINE FEST** Enjoy holiday treats and wine samples while making six bottles of wine to take home. The wine selection includes several award-winning varieties from the International Wine Competition. No winemaking experience is necessary to participate. Thurs., Dec. 15, 6 p.m. IncrediBREW, 112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua. Registration is required. Call 891-2477 or visit [incredi-brew.com](http://incredi-brew.com).

• **GALAXY SNACK IPA Split-a-batch** brewing event with hard-to-find Galaxy Hops from Australia. Thurs., Dec. 15, 6 p.m. IncrediBREW, 112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua. \$30 for BYO bottles, \$40 for bottles included. Call 891-2477 or visit [incredi-brew.com](http://incredi-brew.com).

## Holiday meals

• **FRENCH CHRISTMAS DINNER** Five course meal features French cuisine with a Christmas twist. Thurs., Dec. 8. The Quill, SNHU campus, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Cost is \$35. Visit [snhu.edu/restaurant](http://snhu.edu/restaurant) or call 629-4608.

• **CHRISTMAS PARTY** Feast including prime rib carving station available for \$24.95 per person. Semi-formal attire is suggested. Live music by Manchuka. Sat., Dec. 10, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Village Trestle, 25 Main St., Goffstown. Visit [villagetrestle.com](http://villagetrestle.com).

• **THE MORE THE MERRIER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION** Enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres, a buffet-style dinner and dessert, along with enter-

tainment. Sat., Dec. 10, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Brookstone Park, 14 Route 111, Derry. Cost is \$59 per person. To reserve a table call 328-9255. See [brookstone-park.com](http://brookstone-park.com).

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• **SUNDAY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** Breakfast buffet with made-to-order items. Santa will arrive at 9 a.m. Sun., Dec. 11 and 18, 8 a.m. to noon. The Red Blazer Restaurant & Pub, 72 Manchester St., Concord. Visit [theredblazer.com](http://theredblazer.com).

• **HOLIDAY POTLUCK** join NOFA-NH for holiday meal celebrating organic food that New Hampshire has to offer. Tues., Dec. 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. NH Audubon Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord. RSVP. Visit [nofanh.org](http://nofanh.org).



# Pasta fagioli with kale

Hopefully you are lucky enough to still come across some local kale. It's a wonderfully hardy vegetable that seems to grow on and on, even in the midst of a somewhat manic fall season. Just last year, I found it growing in my compost pile after having thinned much of it from my own garden. It was incredible to see it popping up triumphantly as if it were indignant that I had cast it aside so thoughtlessly.

Not only am I amazed at its fortitude in structure, I am always impressed with it fortitude in nutrition. The word "superfoods" gets thrown around so much but I truly believe that kale is worthy of such an accolade. From folic acid to iron, kale has it all.

Before you turn your nose up at this leafy green, I encourage you to give it a chance. While it's been trendy for sometime, it's not without its bad reputation. For one, it doesn't go down easy. Many people have trouble digesting kale, and it's even a good idea to massage it before you eat it. No, I'm not kidding. Massage it like it's had a long day at work. Massaging the kale breaks up a lot of it's hard to digest fibers so that the body can



more easily process its leafy goodness.

While I'm not saying you have to have kale smoothies or even make kale chips — although I am a proponent of both — I would encourage you to seek ways to sneak it into your diet.

My favorite thing to do with kale, at least for the moment, is to throw it in soup. It can add a nutritional boost to any soup and takes a little to no effort. Just toss it in in the last few minutes of cooking and it will wilt and blend beautifully. Toss a lot in if you're adventurous, and just a little bit if you're still getting used to the idea.

There are many kinds of kale; from Russian red to dinosaur kale, you can experiment and find what you like. I use a great baby kale from Annie's Organics when I'm not buying locally. My point is, if you haven't liked kale yet, keep trying different varieties. Maybe you haven't discovered your favorite yet!

Enjoy my recipe for pasta fagioli, made all the more filling and nutritious thanks to my leafy friend.

— Allison Willson Dudas

## Pasta Fagioli

12-ounce sausage (I use Aidell's Italian chicken sausage), cut into half-circles  
3-4 cups low sodium chicken broth  
1/2 cup uncooked small pasta like macaroni or seashell  
2 zucchinis, chopped  
1 14.5-ounce can stewed tomatoes  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 15-ounce can beans (I use kidney but cannelloni would be nice, too), rinsed and drained

3 giant handfuls kale, stems chopped off if applicable

Asiago or Parmesan for topping, shredded

Heat a large saucepan over medium high heat and add sausage, stirring continuously for about two minutes. Add broth and pasta, bring to a boil. Cover and simmer, adding zucchini and tomatoes after about 4 minutes and return to a boil. Cover, reducing heat and return to simmer, adding in spices and beans. Simmer for a few minutes until pasta and zucchini are tender. Serve hot with cheese. My dad likes this with jalapeños!

• **ITALIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER** Fri., Dec. 16. The Quill, SNHU campus, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Cost is \$35. Visit [snhu.edu/restaurant](http://snhu.edu/restaurant) or call 629-4608.

• **MOTHER & DAUGHTER CHRISTMAS TEA** Annual three course luncheon and tea featuring music, a classic story, a Christmas craft and a visit from Santa. Sat., Dec. 17, noon to 2 p.m. Speaker's Corner Restaurant at Crowne Plaza, 2 Somers Park, Nashua. \$12 for kids, \$20 for seniors, and \$25 for

adults. Reservations required. Bring new, unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots and get 50 percent off kid's price. Visit [speaker-scornerbistro.com](http://speaker-scornerbistro.com).

## Charity meals

• **CHOWDER DINNER** Joshua Ryan of troop 3 in Raymond hosts of chowder dinner fundraiser for his Eagle Scout Project to benefit the residents of the Rockingham Nursing Home. Sat., Dec. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. Congregational Church of Raymond, 1 Church St., Raymond. \$8.

• **HOLIDAY BREAKFAST** Pancakes, sausage, fruit, beverages and photos with Santa. Sat., Dec. 10, 8 a.m. Maple Avenue Elementary School, 16 Maple Ave., Goffstown. \$5 per person, free for kids under age 3, \$15 max. for two-adult families.

• **CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE** Christmas dinner with all the fixing and mainstream and plus square dance with rounds beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 17, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Bishop Leo E O'neil Youth Center, Manchester. \$20. Visit facebook

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## Wrap up a wine gift

Accessories, tastings and more

By Stefanie Phillips  
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Many of us have wine-lovers on our holiday shopping lists. A bottle of their favorite is always a nice gift, but if you are looking for something different, or something to go along with the wine, here are some ideas.

### Wine accessories

There are so many accessories you can get to go along with a bottle of wine, including wine glasses, wine charms, cork holders, bottle toppers, wine racks and more. Electric wine openers are a great gift idea, as they make opening wine much, much easier.

Red wine fans will enjoy getting an aerator or decanter, while white wine fans will like a chiller or wine icicle, which keeps wine cooler longer.

One of my favorite wine accessories is a wine journal my brother and sister-in-law gave me.

Similarly, a wine magazine subscription or book about a wine region or wine in general can also make a great gift.

While wine glasses may seem like a boring gift, purchasing a nice set that can be used for special occasions is an option. I really like stemless wine glasses, as they don't spill as easily and are less fragile. They can be purchased specifically for red or white wines.

But wine accessories don't have to be serious either. Over the years, my sister has given me a wine topper shaped like a banana, cups that can float in a pool and a suction cup holder so you can enjoy a glass of wine while you take a bath.

### Wine tastings/visits

I know people who say they always want to visit a winery or go to a tasting but never get around to it. Give them some incentive by purchasing a gift certificate to their favorite winery. If they do not have a favorite yet, purchase one to a nearby winery so they can enjoy the experience at a later date. Many wineries offer certificates for tastings and tours; they can also be used to purchase wine and other items. There are also several options available for purchase on sites like LivingSocial or Groupon that can be gifted to someone else. Plus, if you're lucky, they will invite you to join them on the visit.

Gift certificates for a wine class are another option. Places like WineNot Boutique in Nashua offer a variety of wine classes throughout the year. A gift certificate allows the receiver to choose a class that works with his schedule and is of genuine interest.



Photo by Stefanie Phillips.

### Wine décor

If you aren't sure what kind of wine someone drinks, but know that he likes wine, then wine décor is a good option. This can be anything from a wine sign for the wall with a funny saying or a cork holder in the shape of a letter. Also in the wine décor category are wine racks that can be hung on the wall that hold just wine bottles or glasses as well.

### When all else fails...

If you really aren't sure what to get, ask for help. We have some great wine shops and New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlets located around the state with people ready to help you choose the perfect gift. They will ask you what the person typically drinks and what your price point is, and offer some suggestions. The wine aisles can be overwhelming, so instead of being confused or just choosing something based on the label, turn to someone who can help. A bottle of wine isn't "just a bottle of wine" when it was specially chosen for someone on your list. Gift certificates work in this case too if you just cannot decide what to get.

One option I really like is a wine gift basket with a bottle of wine, cheese, crackers, chocolates or even fruit (if you are going to be delivering the basket rather than shipping it). Many locations, like Angela's Pasta and Cheese in Manchester and Caring Gifts in Concord, will put together a customized wine basket based on your selections and budget.

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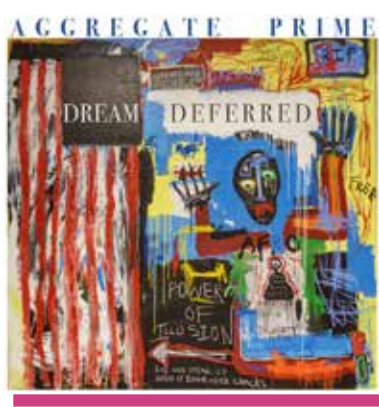
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Ralph Peterson’s Aggregate Prime, Dream Deferred (Onyx Music)



The jazz drummer’s response to violence gets its mojo from the Langston Hughes poem “Harlem,” its theme and anger further propelled by the death of Peterson’s father two years ago. That’s not to imply that this is an off-the-cuff post-bop bonk-athon; led by the throwback, Dolphy-esque flute of Gary Thomas, opener “Iron Man” evokes swarms of birds flipping out over some unseen commotion, which is, if you think about it, the net effect all the awful news reports have had on most of America. But things quickly become more docile, more listenable, in “Emmanuel the Redeemer,” a fast-paced prog exercise that recalls early Sean Jones in its mercurial intelligence. Up front in this quintet with Thomas are renowned players Mark Whitfield on guitar and Vijay Iyer on piano, but Peterson seems to want a supercharged 1970s-Harlem vibe, and toward that, Thomas gets the heavy lifting. There are extended drum breaks, of course, despite the myriad physical ills Peterson has undergone over the years. Mind, all this word-noodle-salad shouldn’t dissuade casual jazz heads from checking it out; despite some brief clashy parts, it’s certainly as accessible as the next world-class bop-leaning coffee-fusion thing. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Future States, Casual Listener (Golden Brown Records)



Reading this Ottawa psych-pop band’s bio had me expecting something on the order of M83 and Minus the Bear, what with the level of experimental/jazz influences it touted. This is their debut LP, recorded in two weeks in a church turned into a studio, where they had no cutoff times and could re-dub and improv until 7 a.m. if they wanted. Sounds like fun, but more importantly, the results are exquisite, the album’s first few minutes falling somewhere between the Orb (bizarrely friendly intro track “Forward”) and some form of period-authentic Columbia House skinny-suit-and-horn-rims twee (“Apostolic”). But the drawing area is pretty spacious here, which gives us “Lulu,” a powwow between Vampire Weekend and Coldplay on Prozac. A subdued version of Yo La Tengo would be a somewhat useful comparison, but it’s more raw and yet more groove-focused than that. I know nobody knows who the Lilys are, but a lot of this sounds like variations on “Black Carpet Magic,” a lot of chill jamming, gray noise, muffled bonky piano and other oddball lo-fi subatomic things (the church bell itself was sampled, of course), all tempered with innocent, non-stupid vocal lines. Many moments of brilliance here. **A+** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Oddball multi-instrumentalist **Peter Broderick** is from Maine, so I fully support him, and so should you, because he is from Maine, which is nowhere near my local Panera Bread, but represent and whatnot. Oh, who am I kidding, he is a hipster-folk charlatan whose “multi-instrument” gigs have included session work playing banjo, mandolin and “musical saw” for such “people” as M. Ward and Zooey Deschanel. That’s right, he probably played his “musical saw” on a song about the perils of buying skinny jeans or ironic eyewear. *Grunewald*, his new album, is coming out immediately, and all I can find for music is a “Cees rework” version of the song “Something Has Changed,” a total bummer of a piano/violin slog, about as much fun as hanging at your great aunt’s house trying to come up with stuff to talk about with her.

• Across the YouTube, where everything is DIY and people actually make money doing stupid crap, one sees many examples of the special brand of C-student stupidity that characterizes nu-metal nin-nies **Avenged Sevenfold**, whose *Voltaic Oceans* album is due in a few days. Are they trying to be Kiss, or a sexy version of Gwar, by giving themselves names like Spookypants Whatsisface, or are they trying to be ironically not-funny? I don’t get those guys, but there’s a new album, like I said, and it will probably be awful if tradition holds. I don’t care about this band at all and never will.

• Dedicated childrens-gansta imposter **Tech N9ne** will release his 17th LP *The Storm* imminently. This is great news to Juggalos and petty thieves everywhere, as it will be perfect earbud candy for doing nonsense-things such as performing random *Jackass*-style stunts with no one to film them or throwing rocks at brick walls for no reason whatsoever. I’d dig deeper for insults, but “Tech” used to be into Schoolly D, which means there is a cool person in there somewhere. We don’t have to visit YouTube, I’m sure it’s the usual loud baloney with a lot of speed-rapping, please don’t make me go to YouTube with regard to this, OK fine I will. Here’s a song from this album, “Sriracha.” Listen to all that hard-rockin’ bass-thumpin’ and he rhymed “Yoda” with “soda,” because he is a genius.

• Experimental indie rock quartet **Enemies** will release their final album, *Valuables*, on Dec. 9. This is a band from Ireland, and they will be sadly missed, what with ... wait, this is only their third album, and they’re disbanding? Surely they’ll say something like “creative blah blah blah differences” or “personal aristic fulfillment blah” but you and I both know that this translates to “If I ever have to lay eyes on these blokes again I will literally pull a *True Blood*-style full-body explosion, I can’t take this for another second.” Well, now that this band has already broken up, I suppose I’ll go see if that’s a good thing or not. Here’s a song from this album, called “Play Fire.” Hmm. It’s actually awesome, a cross between Vampire Weekend, Grizzly Bear and Luke Temple. Wait, guys, don’t break up, I like your stuff! Yes, I know, that’s an instant curse, but let’s just pretend it’s Opposite World and people like good music. Don’t go, Enemies! — *Eric W. Saeger*

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# Busy year

Marty Kelley on his latest, *Santa's Underwear*

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Marty Kelley.  
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In New Boston illustrator Marty Kelley's experience, if a book features fart jokes or underpants in some way, there's a good chance kids will like it.

But of course, a compelling story is most important, which was the underlying factor for participating in his latest illustration project, *Santa's Underwear*, released in August by Sleeping Bear Press.

The children's book, written by Marty Rhodes Figley, is a hero's quest starring Santa Claus as he ventures to find his favorite long, red wooly undies in time for the big night. He needs a Christmas miracle.

"It's Santa and underwear — how could you go wrong?" Kelley said during a recent phone interview. "But seriously, underpants are funny. It has universal appeal. ... [Marty] just made it a fun story. It's lively, it's short, but it keeps moving right along, and it keeps readers engaged."

He created the illustrations the summer of 2015 with a brown colored pencil and Christmas palette of watercolor paints. Santa looks as you'd expect him to, with a round belly and wooly beard. When he's not on the job, he wears pink boxers with green polka dots and a blue North Pole University T-shirt.

"You can't stray too far when you're doing something classic like Santa. There was lots of precedent set before this, so I had to stick with that," Kelley said.

Kelley's favorite part of the process was adding the story's elves, which aren't in the text but add playfulness and whimsy to the book's scenes; they try on Santa's boots, use up his hair product and pose in the mirror with him as he flexes his muscles.

The artist got his first taste of kids' reactions when he visited the Nashua Public Library during the city's annual holiday stroll, where he read *Santa's Underwear* and played kids' music with his friend Steve Blunt. They laughed at all the right parts.

"With my own projects, I will usually use the school visits to test the books. I'll share them and make sure the kids are reacting the way I hope they will," Kelley said. "But this time, there were no surprises."

Kelley talks about the new book at a couple other events this December — the first is Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Toadstool Bookshop in Milford, and the next is Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Newington Barnes & Noble.

The events happen at the end of a "crazy busy" year for Kelley. In addition to *Santa's Underwear*, he wrote and illustrated *Albert's Almost Amazing Adventure*, which was released in March and won the Readers' Choice Award for children's literature at the New Hampshire Literary Awards.

This summer, he finished writing and illustrating stories that are part of a chapter book series, *Molly Mac*, which Picture Window Books will release in early 2017, and in April, Sterling Children's Books will release *Almost Everybody Farts*, whose cover features a unicorn farting rainbows.

Kelley keeps busy because it's necessary to stay afloat as a children's book illustrator; between writing, drawing and bookstore events, he visits between 50 and 75 New Hampshire schools each year to talk about his books and the writing process.

Kelley has had a variety of jobs throughout his career; he's been a second-grade teacher, baker, cartoonist, newspaper art director, heavy metal band drummer and balloon delivery guy, but he likes this one best.

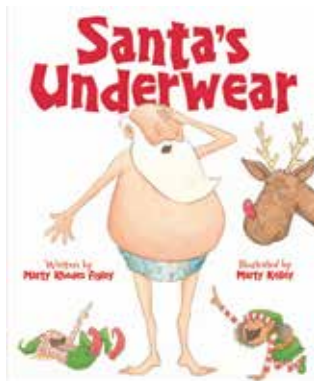
"Like anything that's freelance work, you have to stay motivated and disciplined to do the work. I work at home, and it would be very easy to sit on the couch and do nothing. But all day, I'm in my studio. I make my own hours, but it's not unusual for me to be working on a painting until 9 or 10 p.m.," he said. "There's no magic to it. It's a job. But it's a job that I really enjoy." 🍌

## Meet Marty Kelley

**Toadstool Bookshop:** 614 Nashua St., Milford, 673-1734, toadbooks.com, Saturday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 5 p.m.

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**MARTY KELLEY**  
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The beloved children's picture book author/illustrator visits to sign his new holiday title, *Santa's Underwear*. It's Christmas Eve and Santa's not ready!

**PAUL LEVY**  
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# Wrap up a good read

Books to put under the tree this year

The Hippo's book reviewers shared some of the books they'd recommend as gifts for all kinds of readers, from fiction fans to history buffs.

## For fiction lovers

***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce**

This is one of my favorite books I read this year. It follows an Englishman named Harold Fry who's convinced he must cross England on foot to hand-deliver a letter to his oldest friend in order to save her life from brain cancer. It shocks his wife, who's forced to look at her husband in a new way, and the country, who flock to join him. — *Kelly Sennott*

***And Every Morning The Way Home Gets Longer and Longer* by Fredrik Backman**

When you finish this book, you can't help but sigh. It is the story of an old man, his grandchild and the grandfather's dementia. In poetic language it attempts to explain what happens to the person when their mind begins to escape. At times heartbreaking but always stunningly beautiful, this book helps to ease the pain of those who are left behind. — *Wendy Thomas*

***Today Will Be Different* by Maria Semple**

It's *Bad Moms*, in book form, for the highly intelligent. — *Jennifer Graham*

***Moonglow* by Michael Chabon**

This is a perfect gift for anyone who loved Chabon's Pulitzer prize-winning novel *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* — along with any of Chabon's other fantastic works. In Chabon's latest work, which is presented as a memoir, the writer examines the lives of his maternal grandparents. — *Jeff Mucciarone*

***Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley**

In *Before the Fall*, a plane carrying 11 rich people bound for Martha's Vineyard crashes. Was it foul play? I don't know, but I want to find out. Seems like a great choice for a mystery lover like me. — *Jeff Mucciarone*

## For people who like poets

***Upstream* by Mary Oliver**

Elegant and sometimes shocking essays on the wild life. Think Thoreau if he'd crawled on all fours through the woods and scrambled turtle eggs for his breakfast. — *Jennifer Graham*

***Christmas at Eagle Pond* by Donald Hall**

As expected from a former poet laureate of the United States, Hall uses poetic language to recount his memories of a 1940s Christmas at his grandparents' farm in rural New Hampshire. *Christmas at Eagle Pond* will bring you back to a simpler time when Christmas meant celebrating with family and friends and appreciating what you had. — *Wendy Thomas*



## For biography fans

***Belichick and Brady* by Michael Holley**

A deliciously intimate dissection of the most celebrated relationship since, well, Brady and Manning. — *Jennifer Graham*

***The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from my Life* by John le Carré**

Told by the author, one of the great spy novelists of all time, this audiobook gives the listener an inside look at le Carré's own life — he cultivated his own writing while working for British Secret Intelligence Service. Several of le Carré's works have been adapted for film, including *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* and *The Constant Gardener*. A great gift for fans of espionage novels and those looking for that glimpse inside a writer's own life. Or, you can give it to me. — *Jeff Mucciarone*

***Born to Run* by Bruce Springsteen**

The Washington Post says Springsteen's memoir "delivers enough punch and laughter, sorrow and succor to satisfy your soul and still, somehow, leave you wanting more." Any Springsteen fans out there in need of a Christmas gift? — *Jeff Mucciarone*

## For middle-schoolers

***Hundred Percent* by Karen Romano Young**

Filled with lovely language, a true voice, and compelling age-appropriate situations, this charming middle-grade book introduces us to Tink, a 12-year-old girl who is going through the typical tween angst phase of figuring out who she is while wanting to fit in with the cool kids. Romano Young does an excellent job of introducing a new audience to what it's like to be the odd duck who is just on the outside of the popular group. — *Wendy Thomas*

## For foodies

***Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal**

This book would be a fun read for the foodie in your life; it follows a food prodigy named Eva who, against all odds, becomes the star chef behind a legendary and secretive pop-up supper club. It's a satire, poking fun at foodie culture (does locally sourced mean you got it at the general store down the street?), with each chapter telling the story of a single dish and character. — *Kelly Sennott*

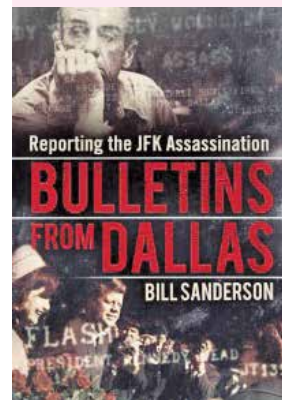
## For history buffs

***Rogue Heroes* by Ben Macintyre**

In this work of nonfiction, Macintyre takes a close look at the history and evolution of military "special forces." Any lover of military history would appreciate finding *Rogue Heroes* under the tree. — *Jeff Mucciarone*



# Book Report



• **Reporting the JFK assassination:** Journalist Bill Sanderson visits the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, 749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., to present his new book, *Bulletins from Dallas: Reporting the JFK Assassination*, about Pulitzer Prize-winning White House reporter Merriman Smith, who sat several cars

behind the president's limousine when the fatal shots were fired. Lots of people think Walter Cronkite was the first to tell the story, but it was Smith's words Cronkite read on national television. Sanderson grew up in Jaffrey and was a Concord Monitor reporter in the early '80s and spent almost two decades as a reporter and editor at the New York Post. Admission is free. Call 627-0005 or visit loeb.school.org.

• **Hear some new works:** The Hatbox Theatre, 270 Loudon Road, Concord, has a continuing series with the New Hampshire Writers' Project in which local writers read aloud works in progress for audience feedback and critique. The next is Sunday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. The events are free, though \$5 donations are accepted. Visit hatboxnh.com or nhwritersproject.org.

• **Nashua history book:** For the first time in 10 years, the Nashua Public Library has copies of *The Nashua Experience: History in the Making, 1673-1978*, plus its sequel, *The Nashua Experience: A Three-Decade Upgrade, 1978-2008*, which were written by a committee of Nashuans headed by former library director Clarke S. Davis. For more information, call 589-4610 or email carol.eyman@nashualibrary.org. — Kelly Sennott

## Books

### Author Events

• **CONRAD YOUNG** Author talks about *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*. Culmination of 10 years of researching and painting researches. Fri., Dec. 9, at 2 p.m., Taylor Community Woodside Building, 435 Union Ave., Laconia. Visit taylorcommunity.org.

• **MARTY KELLEY** Illustrator talks about *Santa's Underwear*. Sat., Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford, 673-1734. Second event Sat., Dec. 17, at noon, at Barnes & Noble, 45 Gosling Road, Newington, 422-7733.

• **CLAUDIA LANDELL** Author talks about *A Present for Amore*. Sat., Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth. Call 431-2100, email riverrunbookstore@gmail.com.

• **PAUL LEVY** Author shares *Finding Phil*. Sun., Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford.

• **K.M. DOHERTY** Author signs *Thomas Holland in the Realm*

of the Ogres. Sun., Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, Fox Run Crossings, 45 Gosling Road, Newington. Call 422-7733.

• **KATHERINE MAYFIELD** Author talks about *Bullied: Why You Feel Bad Inside and What to Do About It*. Sun., Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, Fox Run Crossings, 45 Gosling Road, Newington. Call 422-7733.

• **LYNN PLOURDE, RUSS COX, TERI WEIDNER** Authors visit to talk about their books. Sat., Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble, Fox Run Crossings, 45 Gosling Road, Newington. Call 422-7733.

• **LAURA PIAZZA** Author talks about *Recipes for Repair: A 10-Week Program for Chronic Inflammation and Food Sensitivities*. Mon., Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St., Dover. Call 516-6050.

• **BILL SANDERSON** Former NH reporter talks about new book, *Bulletins From Dallas: Reporting the JFK Assassination*. Tues., Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Nackey S. Loeb School of Communi-

cations, 749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester. Free. Call 627-0005 or visit loeb.school.org.

• **HOWARD MANSFIELD** Author talks about *Sheds*. Sat., Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford.

• **KAREL HAYES** Author signs *Santa's Tatty Old Boots*. Sun., Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, Fox Run Crossings, 45 Gosling Road, Newington. Call 422-7733.

• **EVAN MALLET** Author signs *The Black Trumpet: A Chef's Journey Through Eight New England Seasons*. Sun., Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. Barnes & Noble, Fox Run Crossings, 45 Gosling Road, Newington. Call 422-7733.

• **CHARD DENIORD, ROBIN MACARTHUR** Writers talk about latest books, collections. Fri., Jan. 6, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord.

• **KATRINA KENISON** Author talks about *Moments of Seeing: Reflections from an Ordinary Life*. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Sat., Jan. 7, at 4 p.m.

• **AERUM DELEVAN** Author talks about *Demon Chronicles: The Chaos Prophecy!* Thurs., Jan. 12, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• **MARINA DUTZMANN KIRSCH** Author talks about *Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Memoir of Love and Survival*. Sun., Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Call 589-4610.

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## Lectures & discussions

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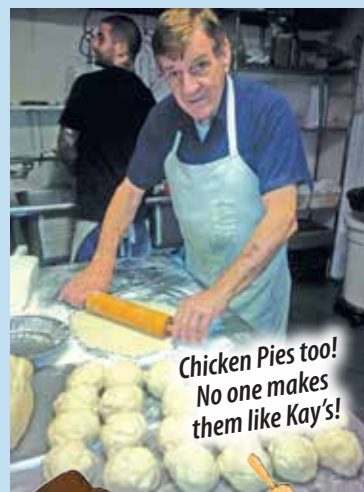
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Loving (PG-13)

A couple just wants to raise their children in the state they’ve lived in all their lives but Virginia’s laws against interracial marriage make that illegal in *Loving*, a look at the couple behind the *Loving v. Virginia* U.S. Supreme Court case.

The movie begins with Mildred (Ruth Negga) telling a delighted Richard (Joel Edgerton) that she’s pregnant. He buys an acre of land in the rural county where they live and shows Mildred where he’s going to build their house. He asks her to marry him and she says yes, happily rushing off to tell her sister, Garnet (Terri Abney). Mildred’s family seems to like Richard and Richard’s mother, Lola (Sharon Blackwood), the area midwife, seems to like Mildred.

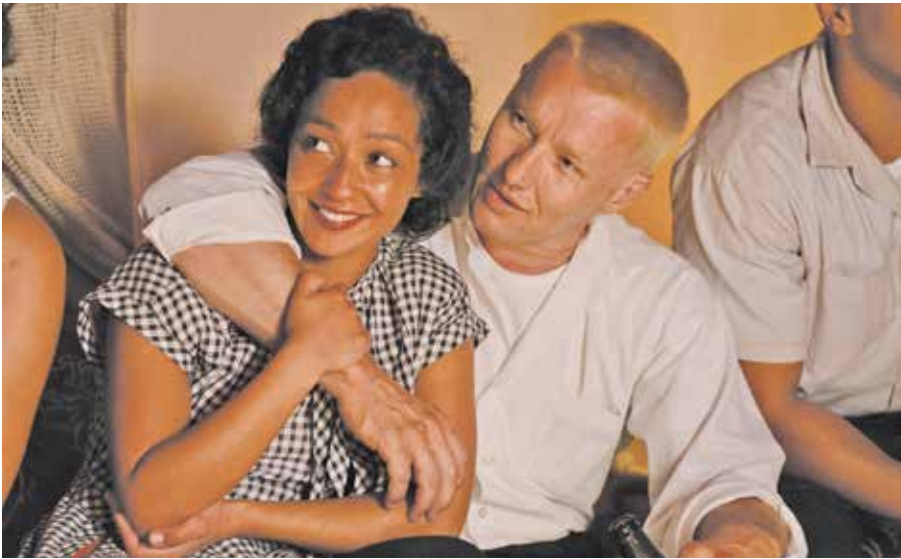
But this is the late 1950s in Virginia and a state-sanctioned marriage between Richard, who is white, and Mildred, who is black, is against the law. They do it anyway, going to Washington, D.C., to get married, city-hall-style, and then bring their license back to Virginia, where Richard hangs it on the wall in the room he and Mildred share at her family’s house.

That license means nothing when the local sheriff shows up in the middle of the night and drags Richard and pregnant, pajama-clad Mildred off to jail. Richard is bailed out in hours, Mildred a while later (though not to Richard; the sheriff makes it clear he won’t let her leave if it’s Richard who attempts to bail her out). The Lovings hire a lawyer, Frank Beazley (Bill Camp), who makes a deal wherein the Lovings plead guilty, get a suspended sentence and agree to leave Virginia.

The movie does a good job of showing the unreasonableness of the requirement that they leave. Mildred and Richard, under the terms of their plea bargain, aren’t allowed to be in Virginia at the same time, even for a visit, so when Mildred wants to return so Lola can deliver their child, they have to essentially sneak back into the county. And somehow, a woman recovering from labor with her newborn and the husband caring for them are disturbing the peace enough to get the sheriff back out to arrest them. Frank gets the judge to let it slide but then tells them essentially that that was it, don’t call him again and don’t come back.

The Lovings stay in D.C., having more children and building a life. But Mildred longs for her children to grow up in the fresh air and big outdoors that she did and she longs for her family. After one son is injured while playing in the street, she packs them up and decides that, laws be damned, her children will grow up in the Virginia country.

It is around this time that Mildred writes a letter to Attorney General Robert Kenne-



Loving

dy and gets a response from Bernie Cohen (Nick Kroll), an ACLU lawyer from Virginia. Though not a man of great trial experience (he borrows a colleague’s Alexandra office to meet the Lovings), Cohen thinks their case is the perfect case to test the interracial marriage laws in front of the Supreme Court.

Richard, meanwhile, just wants to live his life in peace and seems worried, from the beginning, about what the legal fight could mean for his family.

*Loving* is actually a fairly simple story — two people want to get married and raise their children where they’d like — and, to its credit, it also tells the story simply. *Loving* mostly avoids the Big Issues and sticks to the Lovings, their lives, their relationship and their family. Instead of having the injustice of the anti-miscegenation laws explained to us, we can feel it by the way those laws shove this one family to make decisions it shouldn’t have to make.

Nuanced, restrained acting — by Negga, Edgerton and surprisingly, even by Kroll (best known for big loud comedy) — really helps get the job done here. Nobody steps into the spotlight to talk about justice, to Sorkinize, I might call it, but that actually helps to convey what this case and its resolution mean all that much more. We see this slice of the civil rights fight from inside this couple’s relationship.

*Loving* makes a lot of really smart choices — including beautiful shots of the county where the Lovings want to live, room to let the actors fill in their characters and a light touch with the movie’s historical context (keeping the story as personal as possible) — that result in a really lovely movie about one brave couple and the legal wrong they help put right. **A**

*Rated PG-13 for thematic elements. Written and directed by Jeffrey Wright, Loving is two hours and three minutes long and distributed by Focus Features.*

Moonlight (R)

One boy’s desperate life is told in three parts in the fascinating *Moonlight*.

Meet Chiron, desperate for connection, at three times in his life in the engrossing *Moonlight*. “Desperate” is what Chiron, also known as Little as a boy and Black as a man, seems to me at the three phases of his life when we meet up with him. He’s desperate for kindness, connection and understanding but not sure how to communicate his needs.

Called Little (Alex Hibbert), a late-elementary-school-ish-aged boy growing up in Florida, Chiron is frequently picked on, with only one boy, Kevin (Jaden Piner), showing him kindness. It’s while hiding from bullies that Chiron meets Juan (Mahershala Ali), a drug dealer who takes a shine to the shy, almost-non-verbal kid. Juan takes Chiron to his girlfriend Teresa (Janelle Monáe) who feeds him, gives him a place to stay for the night and is able to get his name, at least, out of him.

When Juan takes Chiron back to his mother, Paula (Naomie Harris), I wasn’t clear how much the two of them knew about each other — if, for example, Paula recognized Juan as one of the people she buys drugs from, the drugs that slowly take over her life.

Later, when Juan, who has continued to act as something of a father figure to Chiron, sees Paula doing drugs, he seems ready to give her some kind of talking to. But she is quick to point out the hypocrisy of Juan getting on her case for using the drugs his own dealer just sold her. As we see her sink into addiction, we also see her less able to take care of Chiron, specifically to take care of the feelings of this boy who knows he is different from others his age.

Then, we meet Chiron (Ashton Sanders) as a teenager, still desperate for understanding but also desperate for physical safety as he is constantly being menaced at school.

Terrel (Patrick Decile), leader of the bullies, seems always ready to hurt Chiron for being different, difference that includes being gay. Chiron, for his part, walks around like he wishes he could disappear, and seldom talks or even looks up.

His mother’s addiction having completely consumed her — her longest conversation with him is an attempt to get money from him — Chiron often turns to Teresa for a safe place to stay and a hot meal. The only person his age who seems on friendly terms with him is Kevin (Jharrel Jerome). Where difference has pushed Chiron into silence, it seems to have pushed Kevin to learn to fit in, thus we see him bragging about having sex with a girl even as he seems to be flirting, ever so slightly, with Chiron, whom he calls Black.

Kevin and Chiron have an encounter that Chiron still thinks about years later, when he works as a Juan-like drug dealer-managing-dealers who calls himself Black (Trevante Rhodes). Black lives in Georgia but decides to return to Florida after a surprise call from Kevin (Andre Holland), who is now working as a cook. Chiron now seems more comfortable in his own skin, but primarily because he has remade himself as a hard, muscle-bound man not to be messed with who has shut down the parts of his life (all emotion, it seems, including his romantic feelings for men) that have caused him pain. His eagerness to see Kevin seems like part of his need, need he perhaps tried to tamp down, for connection.

*Moonlight* is at times harsh and difficult to watch and yet it can also be surprisingly gentle in how it looks at Chiron. We see him have these moments of joy and moments where you feel like people really do see him and perhaps because of all the moments where these things are missing, you can see how a little bit of understanding can mean a lot.

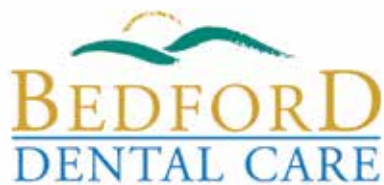
The movie does a good job at conveying who Chiron is throughout the different stages of his life, even as new actors take on this central role (only Harris as Paula is in all three parts, I think). Or, if not who he is, how he’s being changed and molded by his surroundings. We see the hurt boy in the teenager and we see the heartbroken teenager in the man.

There are times in this movie when I wanted more, more direct communication between characters or to us in the audience about exactly what Chiron is thinking or feeling. But I think that would have been a mistake; *Moonlight* is kind of all about the things people don’t say, because they don’t know how or don’t want to deal directly with their feelings. In those blank spaces is where the movie does its most engaging story-telling. **A**

*Rated R for some sexuality, drug use, brief violence and language throughout. Directed by Barry Jenkins with a screenplay by Barry Jenkins and a story by Tarell*



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- *On Golden Pond* (PG, 1981) Thurs., Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m.
- *Loving* (PG-13, 2016) Thurs., Dec. 8, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 9, at 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 10, at 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, at 3:30 & 6 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 12, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 13, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 14, at 2 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 15, at 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.
- *Nocturnal Animals* (R, 2016) Fri., Dec. 9, at 1:10, 3:40, 6:10 & 8:40 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 10, at 1:10, 3:40, 6:10 & 8:40 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 11, at 1:10, 3:40 & 6:10 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 12, at 2:05, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 13, at 2:05, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 14, at 2:05, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 15, at 2:05, 5:30 & 8 p.m.
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- *Meet the Patels* (NR, 2015) Wed., Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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- *Moonlight* (R, 2016) Thurs., Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.
- *The Handmaiden* (2016) Thurs., Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.
- *Loving* (PG-13, 2016) Fri., Dec. 9, through Thurs., Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., Dec. 11, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
- *Marguerite* (R, 2015) Fri., Dec. 9, through Thurs., Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., Dec. 11, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
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- *The BFG* (PG, 2016) Sat., Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.
- *10 Cloverfield Lane* (PG-13, 2016) Tues., Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.
- *Everybody Wants Some!!* (R, 2016) Tues., Dec. 27, at 7 p.m.
- *The Lego Movie* (PG, 2014) Thurs., Dec. 29, at 2 p.m.

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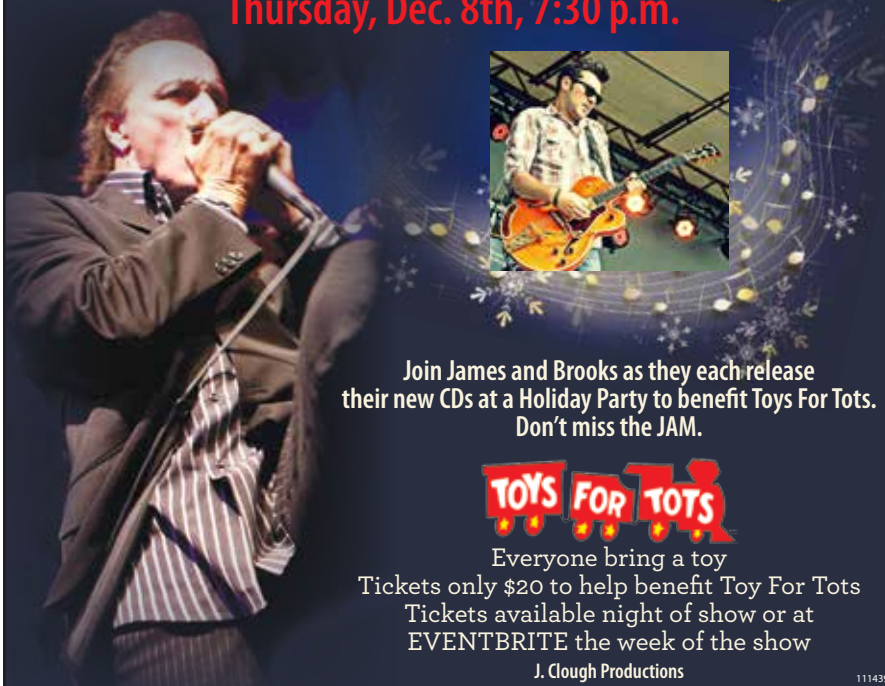


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By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Celtic yule:** Called "the Jimi Hendrix of the fiddle" by the New York Times, **Eileen Ivers and Her Amazing Celtic Band** perform the seasonal *An Nollaig, An Irish Christmas*. Though born and raised in the Bronx, Ivers is Irish throughout, a nine-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. Go Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Dana Center for the Humanities, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. Adult tickets are \$33.75 at anselm.edu.

• **Big night:** Adding to Shaskeen Pub's weekly free comedy showcase, **Jay Larson** performs a ticketed show with support from Nick Lavalley and Drew Dunn. Larson has appeared on Comedy Central, Conan and *Last Comic Standing*. He just recorded a one-hour special and released a new album, *Human Math*. Go Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at Shaskeen Pub, 909 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets are \$10 at brownpapertickets.com.

• **Holiday soiree:** With or without a partner, the Queen City Ballroom's annual **Holiday Dance Party** is a great way to greet the season and get started on a good New Year's resolution at the same time. Beginners are welcome, and there are dance hosts for single ladies. The semi-formal event features DJ music of all genres, a cash bar and door prizes. Go Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Armory Room, 700 Elm St., Manchester. \$26 advance tickets at queencityballroomnh.com.

• **Jazz man:** Local firefighter and Manchester Community School faculty member **Craig Fahey** plays a piano concert of holiday favorites at a free midweek afternoon performance. Enjoy selections from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and jazzy impressions of tunes like "My Favorite Things" and "Carol of the Bells" at the school-sponsored event, part of the Music's on the Menu series. Go Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 106 Lowell St., Manchester. More at mcmusicschool.org.

Want more ideas for a fun night out? Check out **Hippo Scout**, available via the Apple App Store, Google Play and online at hipposcout.com.

## NITE

# Make a fan happy

### Holiday gifts for the music-lover

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Losing David Bowie, Prince, Glenn Frey and Leonard Cohen made 2016 a tough year for music fans. What's needed under the tree, then, is something soothing, a source for reflection.

Let's begin with books.

To remember lost lights, there's the just-published *Prince: Purple Reign* by Mick Wall (Trapeze, \$30) and *David Bowie: The Last Interview* (Penguin, \$17). Although it's a few years old, fans of Leonard Cohen will savor Alan Light's *The Holy or the Broken* (Simon & Schuster, \$15), a scholarly study of the late songwriter's oft-recorded "Hallelujah."

On many Top 10 lists is Marc Myers' *Anatomy of a Song* (Grove Press, \$26), a collection of 45 essays about groundbreaking songs spanning from the late 1940s to early 1990s. The right kind of reader will delight in learning that Robert Plant's echo effect on "Whole Lotta Love" was an accident turned into a feature by Jimmy Page, or that Donna Summer was Debbie Harry's role model for "Heart of Glass" and Merle Haggard made an old friend and tour bus driver rich by giving him half the royalties for one of his biggest hits because a complaint he made was the song's inspiration.

Joel Selvin's *Altamont* (Dey Street, \$27) tells the full story of the 1969 free Rolling Stones concert that became "rock's darkest day." Selvin goes beyond the sanitized version in the documentary *Gimme Shelter* and the veteran San Francisco rock critic also reveals how music itself changed in the show's wake. The Grateful Dead moved toward country rock following their untimely role (their manager recommended Hell's Angels for concert security), while the Stones lost their souls.

If CDs are still on anyone's list, it's likely a deluxe box set stuffed with extras that can't be downloaded. The best stop for the really special stuff is Popmarket, a members-only site (popmarket.com, and don't worry, signing up is free and easy). There you'll find items like *alt-J Live at Red Rocks*, with two blue vinyl records, a photo book and a limited-edition necklace, and *Badmotorfinger 25th Anniversary Edition* by Soundgarden, with rare tracks and a bevy of collectible extras. Don't dawdle, though; some items, like an **AC/DC box** containing a working amplifier, tend to sell out fast.



Del & Dawg. Courtesy photo.

To really make a fan's day, give them an **Amazon Echo**, a cool countertop device that plays music on demand. Get hooked up with a Spotify account, and hearing the new A Tribe Called Quest album is easy as shouting,

"Alexa, play 'We the People'" — plus, it also keeps track of grocery lists, sets timers and reads the weather report.

Streaming is great for national acts, but buying physical product at the merch table is a better way to put money in a

local musician's pocket, while giving a great gift. If you want to do your bit for the regional music scene, **hit a show** at places like Shaskeen Pub, Penuche's, True Brew, Riverwalk Cafe, Union Coffee Co. or the Press Room, and buy a CD.

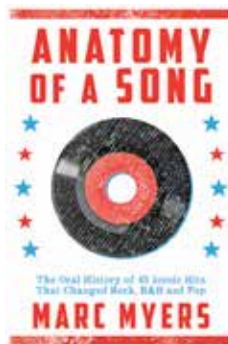
Nashua singer-songwriter Justin Cohn released the fine *All Aglow* earlier this year, and he's out playing almost every night of the week. A couple of Granite State institutions have multiple disc sets on offer — Roots of Creation made *Live in Free*, with a Man in the Mountain cover, and Truffle celebrated three decades with its *30th Bandiversary Bootleg Anthology*.

Speaking of live shows, **concert tickets** make great gifts. Season passes for Bank of NH Pavilion at Meadowbrook are sold out (sorry), but how about a pair of seats for the venue's kickoff show by **Home Free** April 28 at Concord's Capitol Center?

A better instant-gratification gift might be tickets to the Dec. 29 *I Love The 90's* concert at SNHU Arena, starring Vanilla Ice, Salt N Pepa and a few other decade favorites.

**Tupelo Music Hall** is moving to Derby in the spring, and doubling capacity. The inaugural Peter Frampton Raw show on April 11 is sold out, though meet-and-greet tickets are still available. Don't fret, as many more shows have been announced at the new location; any of them make a great gift. Early on, there's Del and Dawg on April 14 and Almost Queen April 21. Further out are concerts by the Oak Ridge Boys (May 20) and '70s stalwarts Ambrosia (June 4).

These are just some of the ways to make the holiday rock for your special fan. While you're shopping, be sure to hum a few bars of "Merry Christmas, Baby" or "Run Run Rudolph" to keep your spirits high. 🎵



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- Across
1. Served instead of beer at concession stand

5. Sold to Geffen in '03

8. Righteous Brothers '\_\_\_ Tide'

11. Cage The Elephant "It goes \_\_\_ and right out the other" (2,3,3)

13. She was 'Gone' to Johnny Cash

16. '86 Pretenders smash (4,3,2,5)

18. Jeff Beal 'Hell \_\_\_ No Fury'

19. Blackmore of Deep Purple

21. What comeback career had done

24. Bon Jovi 'Living In \_\_\_'

25. 'Don't You (Forget About Me)' singer Jim

26. Bohr's study Ani DiFranco sings of

27. 'Helicopter' \_\_\_ Party

29. Avett Bros '\_\_\_ Donna'

30. Might bleed if your trumpet hits them

31. The Pretenders "Got in my \_\_\_ when I'd just begun"

32. 1974 Who comp 'Odds & \_\_\_'

33. Kind of man, to Kinks

34. Post-show headache helper

36. Astbury of The Cult

39. Bagpiper's wear Axl Rose donned

41. Band booking

42. 60s 'Lonely Boy' Paul

43. Pretenders "Was \_\_\_ \_\_\_ wanted you for mine" (1,4)

45. Miami Sound Machine 'Falling In Love (\_\_\_)' (hyph)

46. 'Youth Gone Wild' \_\_\_ Row

47. Velvet Underground 'Sweet \_\_\_'

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48. Greg Ginn of Black Flag's hardcore label

49. Bowie's 'Girl' on '83 smash

50. Show sighs: Oohs \_\_\_ (3,4)

52. 'Web In Front' Archers Of \_\_\_

54. Gary Moore song inspired by debut Randy Newman hit? (5,4,5)

59. The Used debut hit 'The Taste \_\_\_' (2,3)

60. Kid Rock 'Rebel Soul' hit about taking a drive? (4,4)

61. Pretenders 'I'm convenient & I make good \_\_\_'

62. Pretenders "\_\_\_ myself in public just to get on the action" (1,2)

63. Ricky Nelson & Frank Zappa, to off-spring rockers

- Down
1. Vicious of Sex Pistols

2. Musician/artist Yoko

3. 'Vincent' and 'American Pie' McLean

4. Rousing classics

5. Pretenders "Well I got a smile for everyone I \_\_\_"

6. '08 Death Cab For Cutie song

7. Islands favorite body part?

8. 'I'll Be' McCain

9. Who Leftover Salmon built 'Bridges' to

10. Like band's bus entrance, to onlookers

12. 70s Walter

14. 'Moment Bends' Architecture \_\_\_ (2,8)

15. No Doubt hit 'Just \_\_\_' (1,4)

17. Kiss drummer Singer

20. Musical generation

21. Clash 'Rock The Casbah' line: "You have to let that \_\_\_ drop"

22. 'Pretenders II' song 'Pack \_\_\_' (2,2)

23. Grand Funk Railroad '\_\_\_ Wonderful' (4,4,2)

24. Eagle-Eye Cherry 'Feels \_\_\_' (2,5)

27. Foo Fighters hit '\_\_\_ Of You'

28. Type of groupie dance, perhaps

29. Repeated word in '96 Soul Coughing single

32. Stones 'Almost Hear You \_\_\_'

34. Might see a pint of one on stage

35. '82 Duran Duran smash

37. Dave and Ray Davies

38. Big zero Refreshments song?

40. Mayday Parade 'I Swear This Time \_\_\_' (1,4,2)

42. 'Solid' \_\_\_ And Simpson

43. Classic '77 Steely Dan album

44. 'Psycho Cafe' rockers Bang \_\_\_

45. Billy Joel's Beatles cover 'Back In The \_\_\_'

48. South Africans Boom \_\_\_

49. Feline musical

51. 'Danny's Song' Murray

52. Green Day 'You \_\_\_'

53. The Pretenders "I remember holding \_\_\_ you" (2,2)

55. R&B singer/Fresh Prince Of Bel Air star Tatyana

56. Warped tour sisters Meg & \_\_\_

57. To gain a section

58. They'll be the 'Roundabout'

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**Area 23:** Gerry and the Atrics with Rockingham Brewing  
**Hermanos:** Joel Cage  
**Penuche's:** Amazing Hot Sauce  
**Tandy's:** DJ Iceman Streetz

**Contoocook**  
**Covered Bridge:** Don Bartenstein

**Dover**  
**Cara:** Club night DJ Shawwny O  
**Dover Brickhouse:** Punk for Tots w/ Damn Garrison/Pub-crawlers/Guns of Brighton/Labor Pains  
**Fury's:** Flux Capacitor

**Epping**  
**Holy Grail:** Last Duo  
**Telly's:** Bob Rutherford

**Epsom**  
**Hilltop Pizzeria:** Stray Dog

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's:** Tribute to Pink  
**Floyd:** Bill Noland  
**Schuster's:** Dan the Muzak Man

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Manchuka (Christmas Party)

**Hampton**  
**Community Oven:** Emmarie  
**Savory Square:** Sharon Jones  
**Wally's:** Beneath The Sheets

**Hanover**  
**Canoe Club:** Cindy Geilich  
**Salt Hill Pub:** John Lackard

**Laconia**  
**Pitman's:** Michael Vincent Band

**Lebanon**  
**Salt Hill:** Joe Mitchell Project

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop:** Lachlan Maclearn

**Manchester**  
**City Sports Grille:** The Voice  
**Derryfield:** Ripcord  
**Foundry:** Brien Sweet  
**Fratello's:** Clint Lapointe  
**ManchVegas:** Mugsy  
**Murphy's:** Best Not Broken  
**Penuche's:** Ghost in the Groove & Dark City Agent  
**Shaskeen:** Jay Larson  
**Strange Brew:** Cheryl Arena  
**Whiskey's 20:** DJ Hizzy/Shawn White  
**Wild Rover:** Threesa

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Putnam & Pirozzoli

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Brad Bosse  
**Jade Dragon:** DJ Ron

**Milford**  
**Bonsai's:** DJ Brian

**Nashua**  
**Agave Azul:** DJ Roberto Tropical Saturday  
**Boston Billiard Club:** DJ Anthem Throwback  
**Country Tavern:** Cramer Hill  
**Dolly Shakers:** Encircle  
**Fody's:** Queen City Soul  
**Fratello's:** Steve Tolley  
**Haluwa:** Bad Medicine  
**Killarney's:** Karen Grenier  
**Riverwalk Cafe:** Truffle  
**Stella Blu:** Chris Gardener  
**Thirsty Turtle:** Supernothing

**Newbury**  
**Salt Hill:** Michael Spaulding

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** Stop Tito Collective, Cloud Nine

**Newport**  
**Salt hill Pub:** Borderstone

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<b>Newmarket</b> Rockingham Ballroom: Steve Bjork/Sean Lynch/Andrea Henry	<b>Saturday, Dec. 10</b> <b>Manchester</b> Headliners: Mike Hanley	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 13</b> <b>Derry</b> Hilltop Spot: Comedy on Purpose -Alana Susko	

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### Peterborough

Harlow's: Duncan and Ethan  
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### Plaistow

Crow's Nest: Casual Gravity

### Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Bob Halperin  
Dolphin Striker: George Belli & the Retroactivists  
Fat Belly's: DJ Provo  
Martingale: Diplomats of Funk  
Portsmouth Gaslight: DJ Koko/Paul Luff/Brett Wilson  
Press Room: Press Room Jazz Lunch/Otis Grove  
Red Door: TBA  
Ri Ra: Cover Story  
Rudi's: Pj Donahue Trio  
Thirsty Moose: Fighting Friday  
White Heron: Elissa Margolin

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Cork n Keg: Scofield Road

### Rochester

Magrilla's: Dan Walker  
Revolution: Rockspring  
Smokey's: Tom Emerson

### Seabrook

Chop Shop: Gun Powder & Lead

### Sunday, Dec. 11

### Bedford

Copper Door: RC Thomas

### Concord

Hermanos: State Street Combo

### Dover

Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol Coronis & Ramona Connelly

### Gilford

Schuster's: Dan the Muzak Man

### Goffstown

Village Trestle: Wan-tu Blues Band & Jam

### Hanover

Canoe: Michael Blum/Shane Alessio

### Hudson

River's Pub: Acoustic Jam

### Manchester

Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night  
Strange Brew: Jam

### Meredith

Giuseppe's: Open Stage

### Nashua

Agave Azul: DJ Rich - Smokin' Sunday  
Riverwalk Cafe: Odds Bodkin: Holiday Tales

### Newmarket

Stone Church: Toys for Tots Holiday Jam - Slacktide, Amanda McCarthy, Como Brothers

### Peterborough

La Mia Casa: Stop the Bleeding

### Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Dana Brearley  
Red Door: Trap Night w/ Adfero & Yung Abner  
Ri Ra: Irish Session

### Monday, Dec. 12

### Concord

Hermanos: State Street Combo

### Hanover

Canoe: Marko the Magician  
Salt hill Pub: Hootenanny

### Manchester

Central Ale: Jonny Friday Duo  
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques

### Merrimack

Homestead: Brad Bosse

### Nashua

Dolly Shakers: Monday's Muse w Lisa Guyer  
Fratello's: Ted Solovicos

### Newmarket

Stone Church: Blues Jam w/ Wild Eagles Blues Band

### Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Old School  
Press Room: 7oddSeven  
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

### Tuesday, Dec. 13

### Dover

Fury's: Tim Theriault and Friends  
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

### Gilford

Patrick's: Paul Luff hosts

### Hanover

Canoe Club: Gillian Joy

### Manchester

Fratello's: Brad Bosse  
Jewel: Lee DeWyze/My Silent Bravery  
Shaskeen: Brett Wilson  
Strange Brew: All Stars  
Whiskey's 20: Sammy Smoove & DJ Gera

### Meredith

Giuseppe's: Michael Bourgeois

### Milford

Union Coffee: Kid's Cafe with Amy Conley

### Nashua

Fratello's: Phil Jacques

### Newmarket

Stone Church: SpeakEazy: Church Street Jazz Band

### North Hampton

Barley House: Irish Session

### Peterborough

Harlow's: Celtic Music Jam

### Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Don Severance  
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Drink 'n Draw  
Press Room: Jazz Jam w/ Larry Garland & Friends

### Seabrook

Chop Shop: Bare Bones

### Wednesday, Dec. 14

### Concord

Hermanos: Paul Heckel

### Dublin

DelRossi's Trattoria: Celtic and Old Timey Jam Session

### Gilford

Patrick's: Cody James - Ladies Night

### Hanover

Canoe: William Ogmundson

### Hillsborough

Turismo: Blues Jam w Jerry Paquette & the Runaway Bluesmen

### Londonderry

Coach Stop: Clint Lapointe

### Manchester

Fratello's: Chris Lester  
Strange Brew: Open Jam - Tom Ballerini Blues Band

### Meredith

Giuseppe's: Paul Warnick

### Merrimack

Homestead: Mark Huzar

### Nashua

Fratello's: Kim Riley

### Plaistow

Racks: DJ Sensations

### Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Jim Dozet  
Press Room: Nick Goumas Quartet  
Red Door: Red On Red w/ Evareddy (Service Industry Night)  
Ri Ra: Erin's Guild  
Rudi's: Dimitri

### Rochester

Lilac City Grille: Tim Theriault - Ladies Night

## GET THE CROWDS AT YOUR GIG

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**Palace Theatre**  
80 Hanover St., Manchester  
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**Rochester Opera House**  
31 Wakefield St., Rochester  
335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com  
**SNHU Arena**  
555 Elm St., Manchester  
644-5000, snhuarena.com  
**Stockbridge Theatre**  
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437-5210, stockbridgetheatre.com  
**Tupelo Music Hall**  
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437-5100, tupelohall.com

**Girls, Guns & Glory** Thursday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Slamovian Circus of Dreams** Friday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters** Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Buzz Ball** Thursday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Cap Center  
**Paul Bielatowicz & Simon Fitzpatrick** Thursday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Christmas With Rocking Horse Studio** Friday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. Cap Center  
**Kent Stephens' The Ragpicker's Dream** Saturday, Dec. 17, 1:30 p.m. Music Hall Loft  
**Quinn Sullivan** Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Christmas With Rocking Horse Studio** Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Cap Center

**Capitol Jazz Orchestra** Sunday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Cap Center  
**Recycled Percussion** Tuesday, Dec. 27, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
**Kashmir (Led Zeppelin tribute)** Wednesday, Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
**Cherry Poppin' Daddies** Thursday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Entrain** Friday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Davina & the Vagabonds** Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Leo Kottke & Keller Williams** Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre  
**Dietrich Strause with the Blue Ribbons** Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft  
**Pat Metheny** Tuesday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Music Hall  
**Marc Broussard** Friday, Jan. 20,

8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Will Hoge** Thursday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft  
**Beatejuice** Saturday, Jan. 28, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Draw the Line (Aerosmith tribute)** Saturday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House  
**Elton John Tribute** Saturday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre  
**Steve Earle** Saturday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox** Monday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Music Hall  
**Jesse Colin Young** Friday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
**Neptune's Car** Saturday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Franklin Opera House  
**Enter the Haggis** Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Tupelo  
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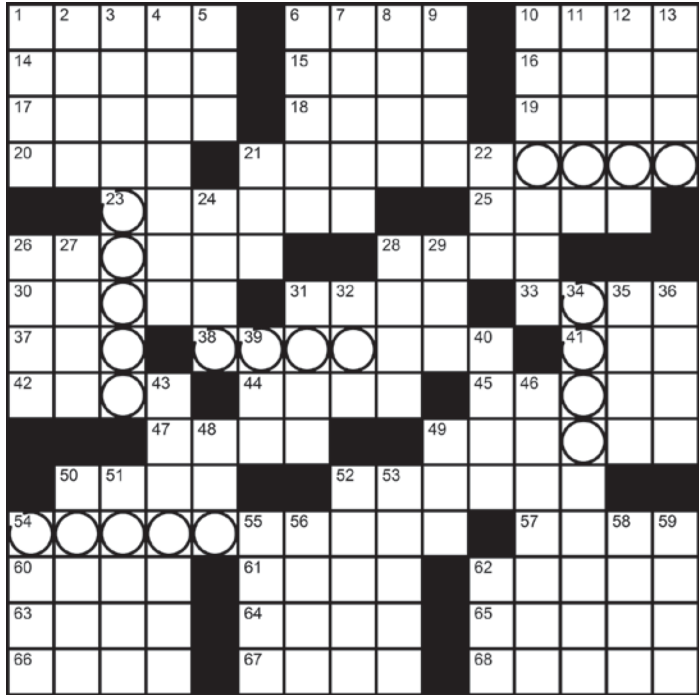
Across

- 1 Gymnast Dominique
- 6 Model who married David Bowie
- 10 No pros
- 14 Standing bolt upright
- 15 Broccoli \_\_\_\_
- 16 India. \_\_\_\_
- 17 Amalgam, e.g.
- 18 Office bigwig, casually
- 19 Part of the underground economy?
- 20 LummoX
- 21 Actor who played the game show host in “Slumdog Millionaire”
- 23 Gambler’s “strategy”

Down

- 25 Restaurant supply
- 26 Descend, in mountaineering
- 28 Gloomy
- 30 “\_\_\_\_ Pretty” (“West Side Story” song)
- 31 Godsend
- 33 “Yeah, right!”
- 37 Atty. \_\_\_\_
- 38 Popular ‘50s haircut (with help on the theme from 54-Across)
- 41 Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson
- 42 1939 movie classic, briefly
- 44 On the \_\_\_\_ (not on friendly terms)
- 45 Start over
- 47 Khloe Kardashian’s ex-husband Lamar
- 49 Dash headlong
- 50 “Finding \_\_\_\_”
- 52 “Musical” slang term for money
- 54 Infidelity can signal them (with help on the theme from 38-Across)
- 57 Alternative to hot or blended
- 60 Level
- 61 Little or no effort
- 62 Bracelet locale
- 63 Part of AMA
- 64 Ready to do business
- 65 V formers
- 66 Root beer brand
- 67 “The Untouchables” crimefighter Eliot
- 68 Chemical term after poly-

- 22 Springfield Indian
- 24 “Note to \_\_\_\_ ...”
- 26 “Mystery!” host Diana
- 27 Two or three
- 28 Lowercase J parts
- 29 Artistic Yoko
- 31 “The Wizard of Oz” author Frank
- 32 1951 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Mel
- 34 Greyhound station purchase
- 35 Father of daredevil Robbie Knievel
- 36 “Modern” museum in London
- 39 Place to go in England?
- 40 Piper and Phoebe’s sister, on “Charmed”
- 43 “\_\_\_\_ of the world, unite!”
- 46 White-furred weasels
- 48 Easter egg colorer
- 49 Marathoner’s time units, for short
- 50 Unnecessary hassle
- 51 Moved very slowly
- 52 Gelcaps, say
- 53 “Hee Haw” cohost Buck
- 54 Hot Pitt
- 55 Gaseous element
- 56 Smoke an e-cigarette
- 58 “What \_\_\_\_ is there to say?”
- 59 Animal seen jumping on a road sign
- 62 ID checker’s info
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SIGNS OF LIFE

From *Sounds Like Me*, by Sara Bareilles, born Dec. 7, 1979.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** *I wrote one of my first songs in my backyard, but realize now that it's maybe more creepy than cute to sing a song called My Special Place. Ah, hindsight.*

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** *This particular store didn't offer [piano lessons], but the man was kind and spoke slowly and said there was a small music school relatively close to our neighborhood. I had a destination now, at least. This was before we held phone-shaped maps in our hands at all times, so it felt more like a treasure hunt than anything else. Treasure awaits.*

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** *I have learned over the years that the "not knowing" is part of the beauty of making music, and that vocabulary is important, but not crucial in communication. Only patience is crucial in communication. Be patient.*

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** *The stage is like the Wild West: anything can happen, and usually does. This has been the single greatest teacher I have encountered in my life in helping me learn to stay flexible and roll with the punches. For example, on a solo tour in Austin, Texas, the power to the main speakers might short-circuit for several minutes in the middle of a show. Instead of panicking, this is a good time to break out into Part of Your World, from The Little Mermaid. You might also try crowd-surfing. Surf the crowd.*

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** *In Italy, it's totally acceptable for a person to eat an entire pizza alone in one sitting and, well, that's just outstanding. Italy, you are the granter of wishes. You don't have to go that far to get a wish granted.*

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** *Brave came into my life because of Jack Antonoff, and I met Jack because of Tegan and Sara, and I*

*met Tegan and Sara because of Lilith Fair, which is how I met the Indigo Girls, which is like seeing unicorns up close. You may encounter unicorns.*

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *Even at my best, I still only spoke rudimentary Italian. There's only so much of yourself that gets expressed in "ONE HAM SANDWICH PLEASE!" and "I AM STUDENT! I STUDY THE COMMUNICATIONS! I EAT THREE PIZZA TODAY!" Express yourself.*

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** *The day I met Joni Mitchell was as profound an experience as I have ever had in my life. Now, I will start by saying I've never actually met Joni Mitchell, but I was introduced to her music by a total stranger in a tiny music school I stumbled upon in the streets of Italy, in the middle of a nervous breakdown. You may stumble upon a profound experience.*

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** *There are infinite choices to make about how to capture and present a song, and there's no right answer: Time to make choices.*

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** *No one knew me. No one cared. It was amazing. I got to reinvent myself in flannel shirts and '90s boot-cut jeans, constructing a new self-image while the kids in my new school had no idea I was shedding anything. It's reinvention time.*

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** *My anxiety about sharing my newborn ideas was very strong, and my fear of getting bowled over and taken in directions I didn't want to go was even stronger: You can always leave a trail of bread crumbs.*

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** *The process didn't make me feel connected or inspired, but I was too worried about disappointing this big machine that was now moving forward on my behalf to say anything. I was waiting for someone else to give me permission to make my own decisions, and that was my greatest mistake. You just need your own permission.*

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By Dave Green

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

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## Baking soda is dangerous

Almost all law enforcement agencies in America use the Scott Reagent field test when they discover powder that looks like cocaine, but the several agencies that have actually conducted tests for “false positives” say they happen up to half the time. In October, the latest victims (husband-and-wife truck drivers with spotless records and Pentagon clearances) were finally released after 75 days in jail awaiting trial for baking soda that tested “positive” three times by Arkansas troopers (but, eventually, “negative” by a state crime lab). (Why do police love the test? It costs \$2.) The truck drivers had to struggle to get their truck back and are still fighting to be re-cleared to drive military explosives.

## The continuing crisis

• If You See Something, Say Something: Ricky Berry and his roommate walked in to a CVS store in Richmond, Virginia, in November to ask if it carried sliced cheese but were told no. Minutes later, all the employees walked to the back of the store, hid in a locked room, and called the police. Berry and pal, and a third customer (with a toothache and desperately needing Orajel), were bewildered by the empty store until a Richmond police officer arrived. After observing that the three customers appeared nonthreatening, he mused along with Berry that “this is how weird, apocalyptic movies start.” WRIC-TV reported later that the employee who panicked and called police will “possibly” need retraining.

• Groundbreaking Legal Work: In October, a court in Australia’s Victoria state began considering an appeal on whether three deaf people might be too intellectually challenged to have planned a murder. The prosecutor offered surveillance video of the three in a lobby planning the murder’s details via sign language as they waited for an elevator to take them up to the eventual crime scene.

• Pigs are such complex animals that scientists are studying how to tell the “optimists” from the “pessimists.” British researchers writing in a recent Biology Letters described how “proactive” porkers differed from “reactive” ones, and, as with humans, how their particular mood at that time distinguished them as “glass half full” rather than “glass half empty.” (Unaddressed, of course, was specifically whether some pigs were actually “optimistic” that the chute at the slaughterhouse might lead to a pleasant outcome.)

## Questionable judgments

The Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Kansas City, Kansas, got the message in November and shut down its “world’s tallest waterslide” (17 stories; riders reaching speeds

of 60 mph) after the neck-injury death of a 10-year-old rider in August. But comparably altitude-obsessed architects in Tokyo said in November that they were moving ahead with proposals for “Next Tokyo 2045” to include a one-mile-high residential complex (twice as tall as the currently highest skyscraper). A spokesperson for principal architects Kohn Pedersen Fox said he realizes that coastal Tokyo, currently in earthquake, typhoon and tsunami zones, would present a climate-change challenge (and especially since the building would be on land once reclaimed from Tokyo Bay).

## Irony

San Diego police officer Christine Garcia, who identifies as transgender, was turned away in November as she attempted to enter the Transgender Day of Remembrance at the city’s LGBT Community Center because organizers thought the sight of a police uniform might upset some people. (Garcia herself was one of the event’s organizers.)

## Perspective

It was only a quarter-million-dollar grant by the National Institutes of Health, but what it bought, according to budget scrutiny by The Washington Free Beacon in November, was the development of a multiplayer computer game (inevitably competing for attention in an overstuffed commercial market) hoping to teach good reproductive health habits. “Caduceus Quest” employs role-playing as “doctors, policymakers, researchers, youth advocates” and others to “solve medical mysteries and epidemiologic crises.” The target, according to

the University of Chicago grant proposal, is African-American and Latino teenagers around Chicago.

## How to tell if you’re too drunk

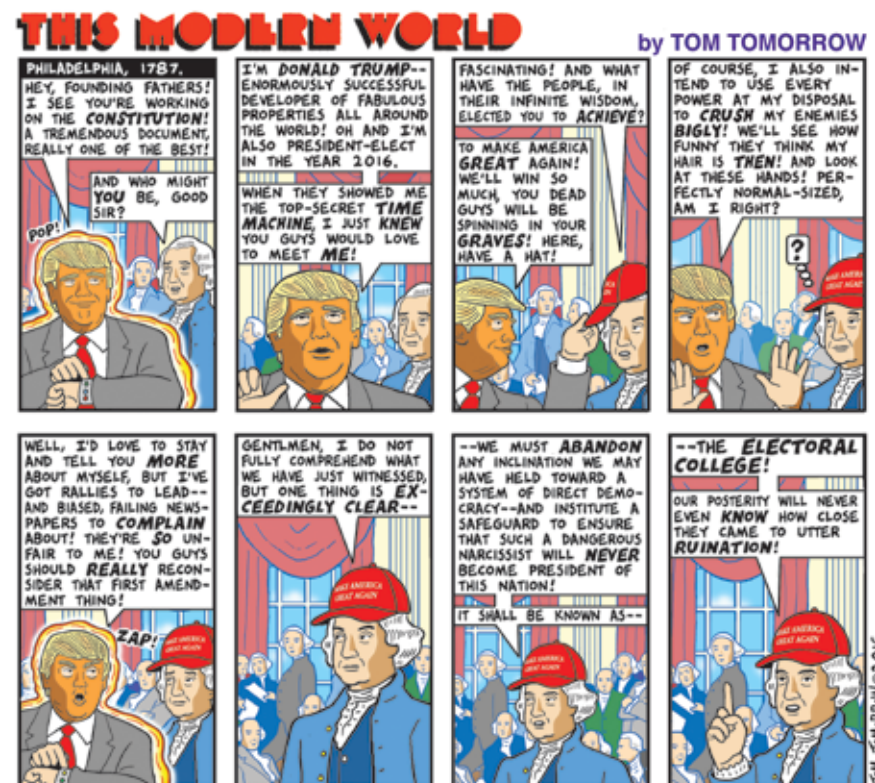
• On Nov. 16, Richard Rusin, 34, was charged with DUI in St. Charles, Illinois, after he drove off of a street, going airborne, hitting close to the top of one house, rebounding off of another, uprooting a tree (sending it onto a roof), and knocking out electricity to the neighborhood when the car clipped a utility pole guide wire and his car landed upside down in a driveway. He was hospitalized.

• Allen Johnson Sr., of Meriden, Connecticut, was driving a tractor-trailer up Interstate 89 near Williston, Vermont, on Nov. 2 at 63 mph, when, said state police, he apparently tried to stand up in the cab in order to change pants (enabling the rig to roll over). Johnson registered .209 blood-alcohol; it was 9:30 a.m.

## Least competent criminals

Recurring Themes: (1) Gwinnett, Georgia, police know exactly who they like for the Nov. 3 armed robbery of an Exxon convenience store: Mr. Quaris Holland, 29. That’s because the manager told police Holland had been coming by as a customer “every single day” for “six months.” He’s still at large. (2) I Have a Gub (sic): The FBI was offering a reward for tips on their suspect in heists at four Boston-area banks in November. Though the man has eluded them so far, at least one issue plagues him: Each of his holdup notes announces that this is a “robbery.”

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